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SHERWIN WINS COLLEGIATE!

Hearst Second, Wachs and Kaufman

Tie for Third in 23 Player Event

New York State Champion James T. Sherwin of Columbia won the Intercollegiate Individual Championship with a 6-1, drawing in the final round with Saul Wachs of Temple University, the U. S. Junior Champion. Sherwin also drew with Francis Mechner, also of Columbia, in the semi-final round.

Former New York State Champion and CHESS LIFE columnist Eliot Hearst, also of Columbia, placed second with 5½-1½. Hearst lost a game to former team-mate Sherwin, and drew with Saul Wachs.

Saul Wachs of Temple and Allen Kaufman of N.Y.U. tied for third with 5-2. Wachs, undefeated, drew four games, while Kaufman lost games to James Ricard of Rensselaer Polytechnic and James Sherwin.

Next ranking players in the round Swiss event were Francis Mechner of Columbia and Robert D. Sobel of Philadelphia College of Pharmacy who tied for fifth with 4½-2½ each.

Seventh to eleventh with equal 4-3 scores were Herbert Hickman of Haverford, Marvin Rogan of Indiana, Karl Burger of Columbia, James Ricard of Rensselaer Polytechnic, and Girard Kay Rosenblum of Pennsylvania.

While not as large an event as some previous Intercollegiate, the tournament was notable in the number of new faces and institutions represented for the first time in these annual events. Fourteen colleges were represented, including players from Indiana, Kentucky and No. Carolina.

Sherwin's victory at Houston Hall of the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia gives him possession of the Arthur Nabel Memorial Trophy, now held by Paul L. Dietz of Pittsburgh.

LEW TRIUMPHS IN MISSOURI

Veteran H. Lew of St. Louis scored 4-1 in the Missouri State Open Championship to win the title on S-B points. Losing no game, Lew drew with Robert H. Steinmeyer and A. C. Ludwig.

Second on S-B with 4-1 was former State Champion R. H. Steinmeyer, who drew with Lew and W. M. Byland.

Third place on S-B points with 3½-1½ went to USCF Vice-President W. M. Byland of Pittsburgh. Byland lost to K. R. Smith of Dallas and drew with Steinmeyer.

Fourth with 3½-1½ was Walter Grombacher of Chicago, who lost to Steinmeyer and drew with E. Godbold of St. Louis.

Five states were represented in the 14 player 5 round Swiss event, held in St. Louis.

BRAUER TAKES MIDLAND CITY

Alvin Brauer won the double round Midland City Championship with a 7-3 score, losing one game each to Charles Starnes and Hans Grether and drawing with Starnes and Joseph Frank. Second place went to Walter Cepela and Charles Starnes in a tie at 6-4 each. Cepela lost twice to Brauer and once each to Starnes and Grether. Starnes lost a game apiece to Cepela, Frank and Frank Michlick, and drew a game each with Brauer and Grether.

U.S. INTERCOLLEGIATE CHAMPIONSHIP Final Standings

James T. Sherwin (Columbia)	6-1
Eliot Hearst (Columbia)	5½-1½
Saul Wachs (Temple)	5-2
Allen Kaufman (N.Y.U.)	5-2
Francis Mechner (Columbia)	4½-2½
Robert D. Sobel (Phila. Pharr.)	4½-2½
Herbert Hickman (Haverford)	4-3
Marvin Rogan (Indiana)	4-3
Karl Burger (Columbia)	4-3
James Ricard (Rensselaer)	4-3
Girard Rosenblum (Pennsylvania)	4-3
Kit Crittenden (No. Carolina)	3½-3½
Joseph Cotter (Pennsylvania)	3½-3½
Philip Schwartz (Columbia)	3½-3½
G. E. Eisenhorst (datagies)	3-4
John Gibbons (Draxel)	3-4
Jim Harkens (Western Reserve)	3-4
Winthrop Beach (Yale)	2½-4½
Ivan Lichtenstein (Columbia)	2½-4½
Jackie Mayer (Kentucky)	2½-4½
Richard Mincek (Columbia)	2½-4½
W. F. Haines (Haverford)	2-5
William T. Howard (Pennsylvania)	2-5

LARSEN TOPS 2ND OAHU OPEN

Alva L. Larsen, formerly of Yale, won the annual Oahu Open Championship at Honolulu by 6½-½ in an 11 player 7 round Swiss event. Larsen drew with Charles Powell.

Second place with 6-1 went to K. L. Kum of Honolulu, who lost one game to Larsen. Charles Powell was third with 4½-2½, drawing with Larsen but losing to Kum.

In the 13 player 7 round "B" Class event, honors went to Robert L. Cummings with 5½-1½. Second place on S-B points went to H. D. Kirschman with 5-2, while Raymond Killgrove of the U. S. Navy placed third, also with 5-2 score.

KERES, GELLER HOLD USSR LEAD

After 16 rounds, Keres and Geller are tied in the USSR Championship with 10½-4½ each. Smyslov and Taimanov follow with 9½-5½ each. Then comes Petrosian with 9-5 and Botvinnik with 9-6.

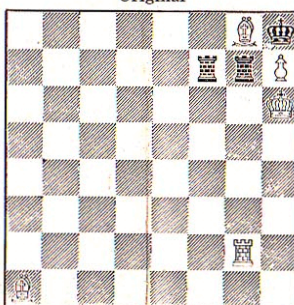
The final 17th round and the results of seven adjourned games will decide the issue shortly.

FERRIS TRIUMPHS IN WOODPUSHERS'

Stephen Ferris with an 11-1 score topped the Miami Woodpushers' Tournament, losing one game to Anthony Talarczyk in the round robin event. A. Pederson and Anthony Talarczyk tied for second with 10-2 each. Pederson lost to Ferris and M. E. Duckles; Talarczyk to Pederson and Ernest Scheuplein.

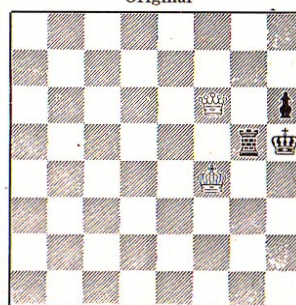
Tied for fourth with 8-4 each were C. Robert Adamson and M. E. Duckles. Adamson lost to Ferris, Pederson, Talarczyk and Duckles; Duckles lost games to Ferris, Talarczyk, Scheuplein and Victor Emanuel.

Position No. 83
By Robert Brieger
Houston, Texas
Original



6Bk, 5rrP, 7K, 8, 8, 8, 6R1, B7
White to play and win

Position No. 84
By Edmund Nash
Washington, D.C.
Original



8, 8, 5Q1p, 6rk, 5K2, 8, 8, 8
White to play and win

White To Play And Win!

Conducted by William Rojram

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AMERICAN ingenuity has produced very few end-game studies because there are almost no end-game composers in the USA. Therefore, it is a pleasure on this occasion to present two examples by home talent. Position No. 83 is an interesting study in which the possibilities of stalemate make White's strategy a matter of very careful planning.

Position No. 84 is not only interesting but important, for it upsets one of the general dicta in Fine's Basic Chess Endings. Fine (p. 566) states that Black R.P. and K draw against White K and Q, when the Black P is on R3. Mr. Nash's study would indicate that this is true only when the Black K is on R2.

Composer Milos Marsyko writes from Prague that his study No. 89 (December 20, 1950) was incorrectly printed and should have had a White P on QKt6. Addition of the P would destroy the suggestion of Russell Chauvenet and Neil Bernstein for an alternate solution.

For solutions please turn to page four.

The Capablanca Chess Stamps

By PAULINE NEARING

President, Decatur Chess Club

ONE of the most fascinating phases of stamp collecting is selecting a topic, collecting stamps related to this subject and specializing in this respect. The personal enjoyment and the vast amount of knowledge to be acquired is unlimited.

When Bulgaria, in 1947, issued the first adhesive postage stamp honoring The Royal Game of Chess, by depicting a "Knight" chessman, not much attention was given to this, excepting by those interested in "sports stamps." But soon other countries issued stamps commemorating world events in chess. 1948, Russia issued stamps commemorating "The Chess Championship of the World." Hungary in 1950 issued stamps in honor of "The World Chess Championship Candidates' Tournament." The same year, Yugoslavia issued stamps commemorating "The Ninth International Chess Team Championship Tournament."

On November 1st, 1951, a large group met in the Post Office, Havana, Cuba. The occasion was the first day of sale of a series of bi-colored stamps honoring Jose Raul Capablanca, World's Chess Champion, 1921-1927. These stamps, in seven denominations, and four designs, commemorate the 30th anniversary of Capablanca's winning the World's Chess Championship title in a match with Dr. Emmanuel Lasker, in Havana. Senor Alberto Garcia, Director of Club Capablanca, Havana, who originated the idea of the stamps, and selected the color and designs, was the speaker for this occasion.

The one cent regular postage, and the 25 cents air-mail stamp show the picture of Capablanca, taken from the famous painting by E. Valdena in 1938. The 2 cents regular and the 8 cents air-mail show a later picture of Capablanca, seated at his chess board. The 5 cents regular postage and 10 cents special delivery stamp depict Club Capablanca, in Havana. (This beautiful club was made possible by a generous contribution of the Cuban Government, and was formally opened in 1947.) The 5 cents air-mail, in green and yellow, from a photo, shows Capablanca's own chess table and board, upon which the match with Dr. Lasker was played. Chessmen are placed in the exact position of the game when Dr. Lasker resigned, and Capablanca became World Champion.

The first day of sale of these stamps exceeded all previous records in Cuba, with the exception of the 2 cents Roosevelt commemorative. Over 50% of the "First Day Covers" had the complete set of stamps. By November 15th, all of the one and two cent stamps were sold, and few of the others were to be found in Post Offices.

Club Capablanca issued 120 specially designed courtesy covers, of which 100 were cancelled first day of issue. The writer was the proud

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EARNST TAKES OKLAHOMA TITLE

John Earnst of Tulsa staged an upset victory to capture the Oklahoma State Championship 4½-½, drawing with runner-up John Blair in the final round of the 26 player 5 round Swiss at Tulsa. Second to fourth on S-B points with equal 4-1 scores were John Blair of Tulsa, E. N. Anderson of Owasso and Al Miller of Tulsa. Blair drew with Earnst and Anderson; Anderson drew with Blair and Robert Garver, while Miller lost a game to Earnst. Fifth to seventh on S-B with equal 3½-1½ scores were former champions Robert Garver of Tulsa and E. H. Gill of Oklahoma City, and Ben Hernandez of Norman. Miss Maxine Cutlip who scored 2-3 for 19th place retained the Oklahoma Women's title as ranking woman player.

In the B Class event, held concurrently, the title went to Danny Davis of Midwest City with 4-1 on S-B points, losing one game to R. E. Lyon of Midwest City. Also with 4-1 scores, but second and third on S-B points were Bill Heath of Granion and Sander Davidson of Tulsa. Heath lost a game to Davis, and Davidson to Lyon. 10 players contested in the 5 round Swiss event.

GRKAVAC TOPS MILWAUKEE CITY

John B. Grkavac a fairly recent arrival from Yugoslavia, won the Milwaukee City Championship from a field of 35 players in a 9 round Swiss with a score of 7½-1½. Grkavac lost no games, but drew with Arpad Elo, Dr. Werhley and Wendell Bulger. Second place went to former City titlist Averill Powers with 7-2. Powers lost to Grkavac and drew with Elo and Ralph Abrams.

Third to seventh on S-B points with equal 6-3 scores were former State champion Arpad E. Elo, Ralph Abrams, Marshall Rohland, Frank Inbusch, and Orville Francisco. Of these Francisco is a young player who has very recently become locally prominent.

The tournament was marred by a large number of forfeitures, but was otherwise a very successfully managed event, notable for the number of new names in the top scoring players.

During the course of the tournament U.S. Champion Larry Evans visited Milwaukee to hold a 58-board simultaneous. Evans won 50, lost 2 and drew 6. The two successful scorers against the U.S. Champion were Averill Powers and Leonids Gaigals.

ELO CAPTURES MILWAUKEE SPEED

Arpad E. Elo won the 7 round Swiss Wisconsin State Speed Tournament in which 25 players participated with a score of 6-1. Second on S-B points with 6-1 score was E. Rozkains of Waukesha while J. Kraszewski of Milwaukee was third with 5-2. Fourth to seventh on S-B points with equal 4½-2½ scores were Dr. L. Young of Madison, L. Gaigals, of Waukesha, and M. Tohland and Gerald Rutz of Milwaukee.

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CHESS AND POLITICS

LEST it be deemed that the Editor of CHESS LIFE stands alone in this disordered world in decrying the increasing intervention of politics into the once-peaceful world of chess, we publish in its entirety an editorial from the British magazine "CHESS," issue of November, 1951, in which Mr. Baruch H. Wood expresses his views in an article entitled "Chess and Politics":

"Keep politics out of chess!" we are periodically implored. What a hope! Politics is in chess. International chess is little more than a plaything of politics today.

When the Czechs pathetically hoped to stay friendly with both East and West, their chess team went everywhere. No matter what were the players' individual professions, they were suddenly able to devote eight or nine months per year to chess. Since Czechoslovakia fell into the Russian orbit, Czech players are seen here no more.

Yugoslavia quarrelled with Russia and suddenly became isolated and desperately in need of allies. So a U.S.A. team was invited over, Yugoslavia paying all expenses on such a lavish scale that Israel Horowitz, organizing for the Americans, managed to pocket a sum in the region of £2,000 (a fact which has aroused a certain amount of fury among other members of the team who received only expenses). Why did the Yugoslavian Chess Federation suddenly decide that it was worth thousands of pounds to play the U.S.A. at chess—and where did it get the thousands of pounds?

Chess in France is split in two, the official chess federation being pestered by a rival "workers'" organization with its own magazine Bulletin Ouvrier. Switzerland likewise has a "workers'" chess association and magazine; members who play in the official federations' tournament are excommunicated.

Yugoslavia, unconsciously invited in by a misguided junta, is now financing the International Correspondence Chess magazine Mail Chess. Their players are everywhere in the West. We can feel proud of our team's showing against Yugoslavia in the September match, for amateurs have a hard time against professionals these days!

We might add to Editor Wood's comments on politics the fact that the Czechoslovakian Chess Federation has assumed the costs and labors of publishing an international magazine for FIDE. This is particularly interesting to Americans, for the editor will be Karel Opecensky who previously edited that monument of propaganda entitled Bulletin International des Informations Echiquiennes. We have upon several occasions commented upon Editor Opecensky's perverted outlook upon the American scene and cited examples of his more outrageous and distorted perversions of the truth. It will be amusing to note if the obligations of his new post as FIDE editor can make an honest man out of Mr. Opecensky or whether from force of habit and training he will remain an incorrigible liar. Needless to say, any endeavor of the Czech chess group and Editor Opecensky to convert the FIDE official publication into a sounding board for Soviet propaganda will be viewed dimly in the USA. We trust that FIDE understands this immutable fact.

Montgomery Major

The Reader's Road To Chess

By Kester Svendsen

POSITIONSSPIEL UND KOMBINATIONSSPIEL IM SCHACH. By Max Euwe. Translated by Kurt Richter. Berlin: Walter de Gruyter. 109 pages, 132 diagrams. In German.

THIS is another in Berlin chessmaster Richter's series of "little chess-books." Dr. Euwe offers 60 pages of theory and analysis, 10 of "Testfragen" and answers, and 40 of closely annotated recent games. The ten sections of Part One deal with the six types of center, with strong and weak pawns, open lines for Rooks, direct attacks on the King, the breakthrough, Queen's side pawn majority, and the problem of the Queen's Bishop in the Queen's Gambit General principles and recommendations are emphasized throughout by italics. Their quality may be suggested by the following free translation of Euwe's final remarks on "Der Durchbruch."

"The breakthrough often marks the end of position play and the beginning of combination play. A well-calculated breakthrough often wins quickly, whereas a badly timed one may recoil immediately like a boomerang upon the attacker. Take care, then, that the circumstances are as favorable as possible when the position is to be opened up. Maneuver in advance for the greatest mobility, so that your pieces can reach their highest efficiency without delay. On the other hand, don't spend too many moves on preparation, for in that case your opponent, in spite of your impressive position, may have a chance to play his pieces to good defensive posts."

The test questions of Part Two deal exclusively with pawn position; and the 20 diagrams here illustrate Euwe's statement that pawn formation is the basis for position play. Then come the 10 master games, one from 1939 (Keres-Euwe match), one from 1943 (Botvinnik-Smyslov, Sverdlov), and the others from 1948. O'Kelly, Szabo, Reshevsky, Ros-

solimo, and others are represented. The games are discussed in Euwe's clear, dry, methodical style, with frequent cross-reference to Part One. Thus in comment on 16. Tf1-d1 in Smyslov-Reshevsky (Moscow 1948), Euwe observes: "See our theory on the open file, subsections IV and V: 'Open a file only when you can get more use out of it than your opponent can.'" Here, as elsewhere, the emphasis on pawn play clarifies and illuminates moves which club players like this reviewer find inexplicable.

For a sample of the games, Euwe's win from Kitto (Plymouth 1949) will serve well.

1. d2-d4, Sg8-f6; 2. c2-c4, e7-e6; 3. Sb1-c3, Lf8-b4; 4. d4-d5, Sd7-e6; 5. Sg1-f3, d7-d6; 6. Lc1-d2, O-O; 7. a2-a3, Lb4xc3; 8. Ld2xc3, Dd8-e7; 9. b2-b4, e6-e5; 10. d4xe5, Sc6xe5; 11. e2-e3, Lc8-g4; 12. Lf1-e2, Lg4xf3; 13. g2xf3, Dd7-e6; 14. Th1-g1, Sf6-e8; 15. f3-f4, Se5-d7; 16. O-O-O, a7-a5; 17. Td1-d5, Sd7-f6; 18. Td5-g5, a5xb4; 19. a3xb4, Sf6-e4; ("Selbstmord," says Euwe, "aber was konnte Schwarz sonst tun?") 20. Tg5g7ch, Se8xg7; 21. Tg1g7ch, Kg8-h8; 22. Tg7f7ch, "Schwarz gab auf, denn er kann nicht 22. ... Sf6 ziehen wegen 23. Dh7 mate, während 22. ... Kg8, 23. Tg7ch, Kh8, 24. Te7ch die Dame kostet."

Mate The Subtle Way!

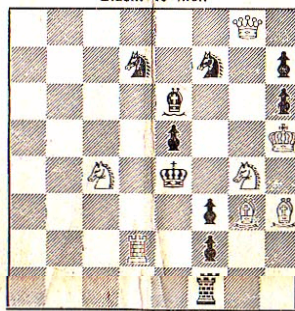
by Vincent L. Eaton

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PROBLEM No. 295 ushers another new composer on the scene with his first attempt. Mr. Bakos is a protege of Edgar Holladay and seems to have learned much from that skillful composer.

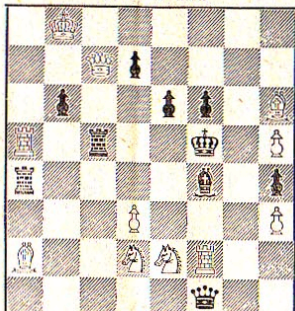
The Melbourne (Australia) Weekly Times announces an informal composing tourney for original problems in three moves. Entries should be addressed to "Gambit," The Weekly Times, Flinders Street, Melbourne, Australia. A. Goldstein will be the judge and the closing date is December 31, 1952. Three money prizes will be awarded for the best entries.

Problem No. 295
By Nicholas Bakos
New York, N.Y.
Unpublished
Black: 10 men



White: 7 men
6Q1, 3s1sp, 4h2p, 4p2K, 2S1k1S1,
5pBB, 7R1p2, 5r2
White mates in two moves

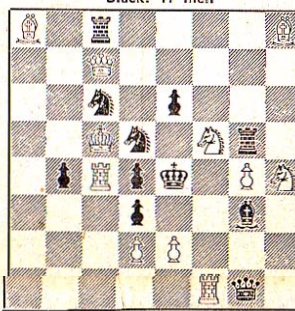
Problem No. 297
By Montgomery Major and
Vincent L. Eaton
Unpublished
Black: 10 men



White: 11 men
1K6, 2Qp4, 1p2p1B, R1=2k1P, r4b1p,
3P3P, B2SSE2, 5q2
White mates in two moves

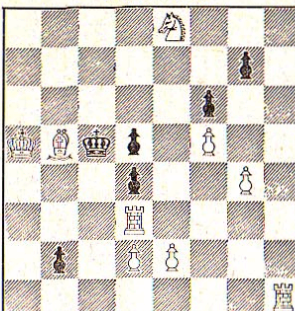
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Problem No. 296
By Willy May
Mannheim, Germany
Unpublished
Black: 11 men



White: 11 men
B1r4B, 2Q5, 2s1p3, 2Ks1S1r1, 1pRpk1PS,
3p2b1, 3PP3, 3Rk1
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 298
By Dr. Edward Kassner
Souris, P.E.I., Canada
Unpublished
Black: 6 men



White: 9 men
4S3, 6p1, 5p2, KBkp1P2, 3p2P1, 3R4,
1p1PP3, 7R
White mates in three moves

Chess Life In New York

By Eliot Hearst

AT last the devotees of outdoor chess in Central Park will have a roof over their heads! About two weeks ago an anonymous benefactor donated \$38,000.00 for the express purpose of protecting the chess players from the elements. For quite a few years now the habitués of the "Central Park Chess Club" have played outdoors—come rain, hail, or heat—on the 16 cement chess tables and benches set up by the New York City Department of Parks. Soon the shelter, a brick octagonal structure, will be erected, and the city's outdoor chess fans will no longer have to face both their opponents and the weather! "The New York Times," incidentally, carried a prominent feature story on this donation together with a large picture of the proposed building and a reproduction of a photograph of two old men playing chess on a park bench, which was the photograph that aroused the interest of the local philanthropist in this project.

IN BRIEF: Marshall Chess Club recently held an intra-club match to celebrate Mrs. Mary Bain's victory in the U. S. Women's Championship. There was an unusually large turnout for the popular woman expert, and what with the victory speeches, friendly matches, evening was a big success... George Krauss, ex-Marshallite now in the Air Force, sent his Christmas greetings from Morocco this year!... Columbia University defeated C.C.N.Y., 5-2... Nick Bakos, another Marshall expert now in the Armed Forces, had his first furlough recently, and judging from his strong showing in the rapid transits in which he participated, it seems his chess skill is as expert as ever... The international tourney scheduled for Cuba in February will be very powerful, indeed, and New York chess fans await with enthusiasm the prospect of seeing many foreign masters in person here in the metropolis on their way to and from Havana... Marshall championship standings at the halfway mark, Hearst (7½-1½), Donovan and Pilnick (6½-3½), Collins (6-3), Brandts (5½-3½)... Manhattan championship has just begun, further news next issue.

WISCONSIN STATE SPEED CHAMPIONSHIP Milwaukee, 1951

Leading Scorers
1. A. E. Elo (Milwaukee) ... 6-1 26.00
2. E. Rozkams (Waukesha) ... 6-1 22.00
3. J. Kraskowski (Mil.) ... 5-2 19.00
4. Dr. L. Young (Mad.) ... 4-3 16.50
5. L. Gaigas (Waukesha) ... 4-2 14.75
6. M. Rohland (Mil.) ... 4-2 14.25
7. G. Rutz (Mil.) ... 4-2 13.25
8. M. Sargies (Mil.) ... 4-3 12.00
9. Dr. O. W. Wexley (Mil.) ... 4-3 12.00
10. J. Grkavac (Mil.) ... 4-3 11.50

PLAN FOR CHESS IN CENTRAL PARK

According to the New York Times, an anonymous gift of \$38,000 has been received from a prominent New Yorker to build a chess and checker shelter in Central Park. The shelter grew out of a photograph of two old men playing chess on a bench in Central Park. A member of the Park Association showed this picture to a philanthropist and asked him if he wasn't interested in doing something for these old men and many like them, who played chess and checker in Central Park. The Philanthropist became interested, asked for designs for such a shelter and estimates of the cost. Then he visited the Park and saw for himself the chess enthusiasts immersed in their games.

The shelter will be an octagonal brick structure with a slate roof, thirty-five feet in diameter with ten-foot-wide doors, and eight tables. It will be usable the year round, and provide adequate shelter for the players who are mostly retired oldsters who meet daily except in the worst weather.

The U. S. Championship Tournament

By HANS KMOCH

USCF Vice-President and Secretary of Tournament Committee

TWO years ago the Tournament Committee, under the co-chairmanship of Messrs George E. Roosevelt and Maurice Wertheim, worked out a tentative schedule for the 1950 Championship, to be held as an invitational tournament, and the championships thereafter, to be open for especially qualified participants. On December 1, 1949, Mr. Wertheim sent a summarizing report of the Tournament Committee's suggestions to President Giers. On April 4, 1950, President Giers wrote the Tournament Committee that its suggestions had been accepted by the Board of Directors.

Unfortunately, a number of unforeseen events caused delay in the 1950 Championship. There was first of all the paralyzing blow delivered to the Tournament Committee by the death of Mr. Wertheim; there was the participation of a U.S. team in the so-called Chess Olympics at Dubrovnik, Yugoslavia, in August and September 1950; then there was the change in the Presidency of the USCF which had been impending for some months before it became a fact. I may add, if it matters, that I myself as the secretary of the Tournament Committee, had been absent from this country for seven months (June-December, 1950).

Our new President, Mr. Phillips, did great efforts to reactivate the Tournament Committee and get the postponed 1950 Championship held in 1951.

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Chess For The Tired Business Man

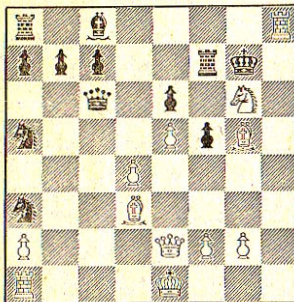
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CHALLENGE TO CHESS PLAYERS

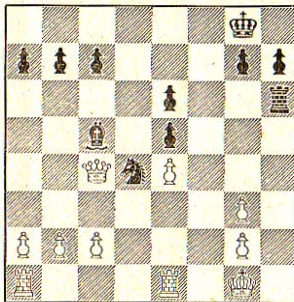
IN RECENT YEARS we have had a great many fine books on chess. I dealing with almost every conceivable aspect of the game. Yet these books have neglected what is after all the primary object of a game of chess: the actual process of checkmating your opponent's King. The purpose of this book is to instruct you, the reader, in all the many ways of achieving checkmate.

Diagram 55
White moves
AMATEUR



BANNET
Cracow, 1897

Diagram 56
Black moves
MALYUTIN



NAVRODSKY
St. Petersburg, 1910

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The Editor Reads A Book

By Montgomery Major

BEST AMERICAN CHESS PROBLEMS of 1946, Compiled by Eric M. Hassberg; Omaha, Neb. 1948; 68 pp; \$1.50. Order from E. M. Hassberg, 41—26 73rd St., Jackson Heights, N.Y.

THIS collection of 100 of the best examples of American ingenuity in problem composing, ranging from such famous veterans as Gamage, Wurzburg and Oppenheimer to the younger school of Buchwald, De Blasio, Eaton, Holladay and the editor, Eric Hassberg, deserves a place in the library of every player interested in the problem art. Most of the examples are prize-winners, and those which won no honors certainly deserved them. The book represents a cross-section of problem skill in these United States, for almost every active composer is represented at least once.

CHICAGO BESTS GARY IN MATCH

Arrangements failed for the proposed Northern Indian Open Tourney and instead there was an informal match between five Chicago players, who came to play in the tourney and members of the City Chess Club. Chicago won 4½-½ with victories going to Kimball Nedved, Angelo Sandrin, C. P. Adams and Skultins, while Walter Grombacher drew with George Martinson of Gary.

Cambridge (Mass.) YMCA Chess Club is leading in the Metropolitan Chess League with 5-1 in matches and 18½-11½ in games. Cambridge lost a first round match to Boston College and has since remained unbeaten.

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U. S. CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

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On March 28, 1951 the Tournament Committee met and came to the conclusion the postponed Championship should be held in August 1951 with 14-16 participants. On April 19, 1951 the Tournament Committee decided on a list of 16 participants by name. On May 5, 1951, the Tournament Committee changed the schedule for the 1951 Championship in such a way that 24 players could participate instead of 16 while the number of rounds would increase only from 15 to 16.

On June 11, 1951, invitations were sent out to the selected players. As for the additional names, the Tournament Committee had accepted the National Rating List as a guide, emphasizing, however, it had no obligation to follow that List.

The 1951 Championship tournament was held in New York from July 28 to August 19, 1951.

During June 11 to July 28 many changes in the list of the participants became necessary, because some of the invitees were unavailable, some made claims which the USCF had no chance to fulfill, some needed time to decide, and some didn't answer at all.

As time went on, the difficulties to get substitutes were mounting. To many players, the idea of acting as a substitute had a humiliating touch. Others could not accept at short notice, while still others did but later withdrew at zero notice. During the last week before the tournament, I had to work frantically so as to present a complete list of 24 players at the draw on July 28. On that day, just before the draw was to start, Herman Hesse from Pennsylvania and George Eastman from Michigan announced their withdrawals by wire. And there was still no answer from U.S. Champion Steiner.

However, I had foreseen possible trouble of this kind and was fortunate enough to find a number of distinguished players who would not mind acting, so to say, as substitutes for substitutes, willing to step in at any moment. The names of the gentlemen who by their comprehensive attitude substantially contributed to the tournament are: Edgar McCormick, Jack Collins, Dr. Ariel Mengarini, Dr. Joseph Platz, and Ed. Schwartz. McCormick had even to wait until the first round had started, for I felt that Steiner's place must be kept open until the very last minute.

The emergency job of looking for substitutes was largely done by Mr. Phillips and myself. We acted in accordance with the decisions the Tournament Committee had previously taken. Our bid to get some of the best-placed players from Fort Worth netted only Jim Cross; Eliot Hearst from New York and Lee Magee from Nebraska were unavailable.

As for our critics, we had New Yorkers who would wonder what non-New Yorkers were doing in this tournament, as well as non-New Yorkers who simply couldn't imagine why so many New Yorkers should participate. We had those who wouldn't mind a few thousand dollars if these dollars were to be produced by the USCF, those who considered themselves second to nobody in importance, those who would blame the Tournament Committee for a player's failure, and those who generally seemed to believe that ill-will was the only guide the Tournament Committee ever had.

By and large, however, the Tournament Committee's good-will was recognized. It ought to be at least as far its members, Mrs. Wertheim, Mr. Alexander Bisno, and Mr. George E. Roosevelt, are concerned. Sapient sat. The thankless job of raising the funds was accepted and in spite of tremendous difficulties satisfactorily done by Mr. Phillips.

The tournament itself was a smooth affair. There were no incidents of any importance.

Kitsap (Wash.) Chess Club elected Richard P. Allen president, C. L. Miller vice-president, W. E. Jackson secretary-treasurer, and G. L. Christy tournament director.

MORE CHESS PLAY BY BELL SYSTEM

The Bell System of North America is now beginning its sixth round of correspondence chess events, sponsored by the System for its employees. The postal tournaments of the System have grown to enormous proportions and become increasingly popular among the employees. Success of these postal tournaments is greatly encouraged by the frequent publication of Tournament Notes, a bulletin of chess news and results in current events which usually runs to some twenty pages of information and charts of results.

For The Tournament-Minded

January ??

Chicago City Championship
Chicago, Ill.

Will be held at Chicago Chess & Checker Club, Rm. 1208, 116 So. Michigan Ave.; one or two rounds per week (limited to 10 weeks); details unknown as to entry fee and exact date; contact Chicago Chess & Checker Club for further information.

February 3

Chicago Speed Championship
Chicago, Ill.

Open; entry fee 50c plus \$1 deposit; 1:00 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 3 at YMCA Hotel, 826 So. Wabash Ave.; 4 man prelims and final A & B events; all round robin; conducted by Chicago City Chess League.

North City Chess Club and Philadelphia Rifle Chess Club united to sponsor a simultaneous exhibition by U.S. Champion Larry Evans. The Champion won 29, drew 4 and lost 3 games against the strong opposition. Winners were G. Rosenblum, Dreher and Cali, while U.S. Junior Champion Saul Wachs, Art Nickel, K. Richter and W. Coe obtained the draws.

CAPABLANCA CHESS STAMPS

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receipting of one of these covers with a complete set of stamps, and autographed by the following personages:

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To this cherished "First Day Cover" has been added a set of proofs (Waterlow & Sons, Ltd., London) from which the color and designs were selected. Also, added to this "Chess on Stamps" collection, are two letters of Capablanca's written in 1928 and 1932 in regard to simultaneous exhibitions to be given in New York.

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OKLAHOMA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Tulsa, 1951

1. John Earnest (Tulsa)W4	W13	W6	W12	D2	4½-1	14.50
2. John Blair (Tulsa)	.....W10	W23	W9	D3	D1	4-1	11.25
3. E. N. Anderson (Owasso)	.....W15	W18	D5	D2	W11	4-1	11.25
4. Al Miller (Tulsa)	.....L1	W20	W23	W9	W5	4-1	9.50
5. Robert Garver (Tulsa)	.....W12	W24	D3	W7	L4	3½-1	8.50
6. E. H. Gill (Oklahoma City)	.....W20	D16	L1	W14	W12	3½-1	8.00
7. Ben Hernandez (Norman)	.....D12	W25	W16	L5	W15	3½-1	6.75
8. John Isbell (Stillwater)	.....L13	W10	W19	L11	W16	3-2	7.00
9. D. K. Higginbotham (Tulsa)	.....W21	W19	L2	L4	W17	3-2	5.50
10. Raymond Kelly (Okla. City)	.....L2	L8	W20	W23	W18	3-2	5.00
11. G. G. Burns (Tulsa)	.....L23	W26	W24	W8	L3	3-2	4.00
12. Dr. Bela Rozsa (Tulsa)	.....D7	W14	W13	L1	L6	2½-2	6.75
13. D. K. Barnes (Tulsa)	.....W8	L1	L12	D16	W24	2½-2	6.00
14. Alberto Brocho (Tulsa)	.....D18	L12	W21	L6	W22	2½-2	4.00
15. E. C. Connor (Tulsa)	.....L3	D17	W22	W25	L7	2½-2	3.50
16. T. P. Moore (Tulsa) 2-3 (4.50); 17. Floyd Lee (Norman) 2-3 (4.25); 18. Robert Virgin (Tulsa) 2-3 (3.25); 19. Maxine Cutlip (Wewoka) 2-3 (2.00); 20. J. R. Cassingham (Oklahoma City) 2-3 (1.50); 21. Jerry Virgin (Tulsa) 1½-3½ (1.75); 22. Jerry G. Spann (Norman) 1½-3½ (0.75); 23. F. W. Johnson (Tulsa) 1-4 (3.00); 24. L. C. Dreher (Tulsa) 1-4 (0.00); 25. Leo Rothchild (Tulsa) 1-4 (0.00); 26. E. Bierschenck (Ponca City) 0-5 (0.00).							

OKLAHOMA CLASS B CHAMPIONSHIP

Tulsa, 1951

1. Danny Davis (Midwest City)	L4	W5	W8	W6	W2	4-1	11.00
2. Bill Heath (Granite)	W9	W7	W4	W3	L1	4-1	10.00
3. Sander Davidson (Tulsa)	W10	W9	W7	L2	W4	4-1	6.00
4. R. E. Lyon (Midwest City)	W1	W6	L2	W8	L3	3-2	8.00
5. Amir Sarem (Tulsa)	L6	L1	W10	W7	W9	3-2	3.00
6. Weldon Dyer (Midwest City)	2-3 (4.00); 7. Dick Olin (Tulsa)	2-3 (2.00); 8. Norman Hinton (Tulsa)	2-3 (2.00); 9. Tommy Tom Gilbert (Midwest City)	0-5 (0.00)			

Chess Life

Saturday, January 5, 1952

Alekhine's Early Chess Career

Additional Data
By A. Buschke

V. ALEKHINE IN SOVIET-LAND

This Championship Tournament has recently been mentioned again by Pavlov-Pianov, in an article "From the Past," in "Shakhmaty v. SSSR," 1951, no. 7, p. 216. There also the final score table of this event showing Alekhine as winner of everyone of the 11 games played can be found (see also "K Novoi Armii" 1920, no. 4, p. 23, April 20, 1920).

In his first chess column ("K Novoi Armii," no. 3, p. 24), Illyin-Zhenevsky reported:

In Moscow, chess life was hardly interrupted, in spite of the extremely difficult conditions in which the chess circle had to exist. Every day 8-10 chess players assembled in the localities of the circle and, besides the serious games, there were played innumerable light tournaments, sometimes 2-3 in one day. Sometimes play had to take place in sub-freezing temperatures and, due to absence of electricity and kerosene, by candlelight. In the middle of the winter the Championship Tournament of the City of Moscow was played; the detailed table will be published in the next issue. Maestro Aleksandr Alekhine received the first prize—11 points out of a possible 11; then follows as 2nd N. I. Grekov—8; 3rd N. M. Pavlov—7½; 4th N. D. Grigoriev—7. In addition to these prize winners the following participated in the tournament: N. M. Zubarev, V. K. Lezeron, A. M. Pavlov, B. V. Liubimov, N. P. Tselikov, N. V. Karpenko, K. K. Baranov, K. I. Isakov, and M. F. Gennike. In accordance with the conditions of the tournament, the title of "Champion of the City of Moscow" went not to Maestro A. Alekhine whose victories were not in doubt, but to the immediately following N. Grekov.

Alekhine gives one of the games played in this Championship Tournament in "My Best Games of Chess, 1908-1923," viz., the Danish Gambit with K. Issakoff, game no. 53, and this(*) as well as his games with B. Ljubimov (curiously misspelled for B. V. Liubimov — a young player who died on June 30, 1922, only 39 years old; see "Shakhmaty" 1922, no. 1, p. 16), N. Grigoriev and N. Zubarev (misspelled R. Zubarew) in "Schachleben in Sowjet-Russland" where he calls this tournament "erste Klasse des Moskauer Lokaltourniers" 1919 (Issakoff, Liubimov) and 1920 (Grigoriev) or "erste Klasse des Lokaltourniers zu Moskau 1920" (Zubarev). The fact that the game with Issakoff is clearly listed as one played in the Moscow Championship, October 1919, in "My Best Games" and that we have the same game, in "Schachleben in Sowjet-Russland," called "played in the first class of the Moscow Local Tournament 1919" makes it possible to classify all the other games in "Schachleben in Sowjet-Russland," which are called "played in the first class of the Moscow Local Tournament," as games played in the Moscow Championship of 1919/1920 where Alekhine competed "hors de concours."

So far, no other games played by Alekhine in that tournament have come to light. The notes to the games with Issakoff in "My Best Games" are considerably more extensive than those in "Schachleben in Sowjet-Russland," we can therefore refrain from a republication and refer to game no. 53 in "My Best Games of Chess, 1908-1923."

The games with Liubimov and Grigoriev, as published in "Schachleben in Sowjet-Russland" with Alekhine's notes, and with Zubarev, as translated from the German manuscript in our possession and

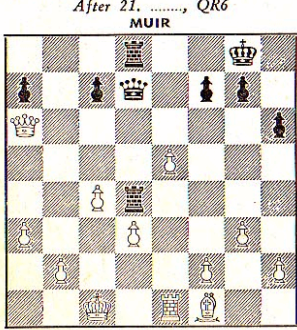
*Gennike is called Genika by Pavlov-Pianov (Shakhmaty v. SSSR, no. 7, p. 216). He withdrew after 5 games, including the one with Alekhine.

**The opponent's name misspelled Issakozo.

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ALBIN COUNTER GAMBIT
Luebbert Invitational Tourney
Correspondence, 1951
Notes by Dr. M. G. Sturm

White Black
DR. M. G. STURM W. G. MUIR
1. P-Q4 P-Q4 5. P-KK13 B-K3
2. P-QB4 P-K4 6. Q-K1-Q2 B-K15
3. P-Q2 P-Q5 7. Q-B2
4. Kt-KB3 Kt-QB3
Generally accepted, but latest analyses favor 7. B-K12. See drawn game, Sturm-Young ("Mail Chess," February, 1949).
8. P-QR3 BxKtch 10. Q-K13
Probably just as good as the usual 10. Q-R4.
10. B-K5 12. B-R3!
11. O-O O-O
Intending P-K8! later, but there is no time for this.
12. P-Q6 14. RxP!
13. B-K15 P-KR3!
Making the best of a critical situation, and obtaining two Ps for the Exchange.
14. BxR 17. R-K1 Kt-Q5
15. BxKt QxR 18. Kt-Kt4 RxKt
16. PxR KR-Q1 19. QxP
If 19. or 20. P-K6, K-R1!
19. Q-Q2
A deadly concentration on the Q-file, threatening immediately 21. QxR ch!
21. Q-R6



After 21. Q-R6
MUIR
21. Q-R6
22. BxR QxR
23. Q-R5 R-Q5!
Immediately decisive.

QUEEN'S PAWN OPENING
North and South Carolina
Championship
Columbia, 1951

Notes by R. Rudich, those marked (C) by Kit Crittenden from the Bulletin of the Tournament.

White Black
L. ILSLEY R. RUDICH
1. P-Q4 P-Q4 2. P-KK13
King's fianchetto which could lead into the Catalan System.
3. P-K3 5. B-K12 Kt-B3
4. P-KB3 P-QB4 6. O-O B-K2
5. P-K3 Kt-KB3 7. Kt-K5
Attempting to seize the center and start an attack. However, it's a little premature.
7. Kt-Kt4 9. P-KB4 O-O
8. P-Kt1 Kt-Q2 10. P-K13 P-B3
Opening the B-file.
11. P-Q2 13. Kt-B2 B-K12
12. P-Q3 P-QK13 14. Kt-Q2 Q-B2
To protect the QB and reserve the K square for an advance of the KP. However, P-K4 right away is the best move.
15. P-K4
Beating Black to the punch and seizing the initiative.
16. P-KM4
Black's only hope now is to open up some files on the Q-side and to counter-attack there.
17. P-K5 B-Q1
To enable the Q to protect the second rank.
19. Kt-K15 BxKt
To trade an inactive piece for a threatening one is always good.
20. QxR Q-K2 22. R-PxQ P-K13
21. P-KR4 QxQ
Black's position has improved considerably since White's 15th move. Though White has two Bs and Black a backward KP, White's K-side majority has been restrained.
23. P-K4
Planning to disrupt Black's Q-side Ps, but overlooking Black's 24th move.
23. Kt-PxP 24. PxP B-R3
Winning that P or the exchange.
25. PxP
Best. White gives up the Exchange but receives a protected passed P.

Solutions: Mate the Subtle Way!
No. 291 (Marshall): 1. Q-Kt7. Unusual pins and cross-check in Marshall's characteristically complex style.
No. 292 (Major): 1. R-KR2. Several solvers fell for other tries by the White Rook, defeated by 1. Kt-P.
No. 293 (Carmelo): The author intended 1. R-Q6, but there is a "cook" by 1. Kt-B3 ch.
No. 294 (Wurzberg): The position was correct as diagrammed, though the Forsyth notation had an error. 1. B-R3!; P-R4; 2. Q-R6 ch! If 1. any other; 2. Q-Kt4. A great miniature.

SOLVERS' LADDER
(Two points for two-movers; four points for three-movers. Extra credit for correct claims of "cooks," i.e. (valid solutions not intended by the composers. This tally covers solutions for problems in the November 20 issue received up to the time we went to press.)

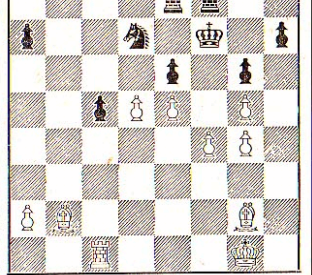
Kenneth Lay	230	H. K. Tonak	146	E. Graham	106	C. W. Cox	32
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Editors' congratulations to Kenneth Lay and E. J. Korpany, who are joint winners of the bi-monthly Ladder contest, and a welcome to newcomer Robert A. Skeris as he joins the solvers' circle.

Tournament Life

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After 21. Q-R6
MUIR
21. Q-R6
22. BxR QxR
23. Q-R5 R-Q5!
Immediately decisive.

SICILIAN DEFENSE
Southern Ass'n. Championship
Tampa, 1951

Notes by J. Lapin

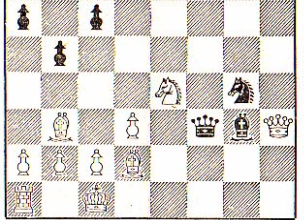
White Black
N. T. WHITAKER D. HAMBURGER
1. P-K4 P-QB4 4. Kt-P Kt-KB3
2. Kt-KB3 P-Q3 5. Kt-QB3 P-KK13
3. P-Q4 PxP
The move 5. P-QR3, followed by 6. P-K4, has had a lot of testing lately (Skold-Reshevsky, for instance, Dubrovnik, 1950). It may be slightly preferable because of 6. P-B4 after the text move, a la Seidman-Torowitz, U. S. Championship, 1951, CHESS LIFE 1:5, 5.
6. P-KR3 B-K12 12. P-KR4 Kt-K4
7. B-K3 P-QR3 13. P-R5 Kt-P ch!
8. Q-Q2 P-QK14 14. Kt-Kf1 Kt-P ch!
9. P-R3 P-Q3 15. Kt-Kf1 BxKt
10. B-B3 Q-Kt1 16. PxP BxKt
11. P-KK4 R-QB1
Simplest. Black has a fairly comfortable game and should avoid the complications arising from 16. RxP; 17. PxP ch, Q-K2; 18. Q-Kt4, etc.
17. PxP ch Q-K2 19. B-Q4
18. R-R6 BxQKt
Necessary because of the threatened 19. B-B6.
19. B-B6 BxR 22. K-B2 RxP ch
20. BxR R-B1 23. K-K1 RxP
21. Q-B4 Q-R4ch 24. RxPch
Of course if 24. QxR, QxKt mates.
24. K-K1
But if now 24. PxR; 25. QxR ch, etc. wins at least a R.
25. Q-K5 BxP 27. B-KK12
26. R-Q4 Q-K13
Apparently Black has no direct plan for winning. 27. Q-K3 exchanges Qs and insures an easy game, or if White moves: a) 28. Q-Kt3, R-QB8 ch; 29. K-R2, Q-R3 ch and if 30. B-B3, R-R7 ch; b) 28. Q-KR3 ch, R-Kt1; 29. QxRP, Q-K3 ch; 30. K-R2, RxB ch; 31. KxR, Q-17 ch, followed by B-B6 mate. Or if 29. QxRP, Q-K3 ch; 30. K-R2, RxB ch, etc.; c) 28. Q-Kt3 ch, R-QB1; 29. Q-K17, R-QB8 ch; 30. K-R2, Q-K4 ch, followed by mate on the next move. Or if 29. QxRP, R-QB8 ch followed by mate as above.
28. K-R2 Q-R3ch 29. K-K13 Drawn

Decatur (Ill.) Chess Club held a 11-board simultaneous conducted by member Hugh Myers who won all 11 games.

MILWAUKEE CITY CHAMPIONSHIP
Milwaukee, 1951

1. J. B. Grkavac	.....D20	W26	D3	W11	W4	7-13	39.75
2. A. Power	.....W21	W15	W10	D4	W24	W1	35.50
3. A. E. Flo	.....W32	D8	D1	W14	W5	W2	31.50
4. Ralph Abrams	.....W22	W6	W23	D2	L8	W5	31.50
5. R. Marshall	.....W35	W7	L3	W9	W4	D4	31.50
6. Frank Busch	.....W17	L4	W16	W22	L1	W15	27.00
7. O. Franciscan	.....W35	W7	L3	W9	W4	D4	31.50
8. W. Liepaskalns	.....W33	D3	W5	W24	W4	D10	31.50
9. G. Hurley	.....D26	D20	W7	L5	W21	D24	31.50
10. Dr. O. M. J. Wehrly	.....W30	W14	L2	W28	W18	D8	31.50
11. R. Valden	.....W27	L28	W30	L1	W23	W7	31.50
12. H. Goddard	.....L18	D25	W33	W17	L13	W19	31.50
13. G. Rutz	.....W34	L18	D19	W23	W12	D14	31.50
14. E. Rozkals	.....W23	L10	W20	D3	W25	D13	31.50
15. F. Cramer	.....W29	L2	W21	L18	W16	W19	31.50
16. J. Karolzak	.....Eve	L24	L6	W31	L7	W1	31.50
17. R. A. Ridley	.....L6	L30	L29	L12	W1	W16	31.50
18. L. Gaigals	.....W12	W13	L24	W15	L10	W20	31.50
19. Ted Wieneck	.....L28	W33	D13	L25	W19	W12	31.50
20. Wendell Bulger	4-5 (15.00);	21. Leo Trabert	4-5 (10.00);	22. Don Davis	4-5 (9.00);		
23. John Hilty	4-5 (6.00);	24. Alred H. Groves	31-53 (15.75);	25. Casey Lewarski	31-53 (6.25);		
26. Ted Rutz	3-6 (7.50);	27. Robert Gray	21-63 (2.00);	28. Richard Kujoth	27 (10.00);		
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After 21. Q-R6
GROSS
Black threatens 27. R-K3 ch; winning White's Q after 28. BxR, B-B4 ch. There is no answer. 27. Kt-Q1 is met by R-K3 or even QxKt ch, while 27. Q-R5 loses to B-B5.
27. R-K3!
Black finishes the slaughter in an artistic manner. He is to be complimented for his aggressive play in which he conjures an attack out of nothing except some help from his opponent.
28. PxR Kt-B7 31. B-K1 QxRch
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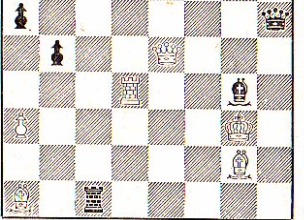


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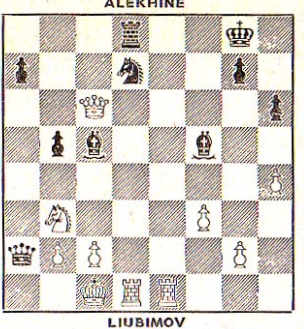
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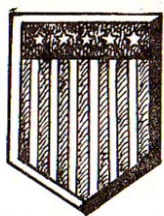
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CHESS FOR VETERANS

The Pennsylvania Chess Federation brings Christmas cheer in chess to the hospitalized veterans of Pennsylvania.

MOTHERS FORM NEW CHESS CLUB

Following a chess party, exhibition and tournament held in the Banks Park Housing Project Auditorium in Bay City, Mich. for the benefit of underprivileged boys, the mothers attending this gala event who had learned the game on this occasion organized the first all-women chess club in the Saginaw Valley. The club which immediately became chartered by the USCF will be known as the Rhoda Willard Chess Club, being named after Rhoda Willard Mowry who served as an army nurse in World War II during the African-Italian campaign.

Bay City already has the Rush Willard Chess Club, a USCF Chartered club affiliated with the YMCA, and the Dean Willard Chess Club affiliated with the Bay City Junior College. These are named in memory of the two brothers of Rhoda Willard, both of whom perished in action in World War II. Lieutenant Rush H. Willard was killed off Cape Charles during the early anti-submarine warfare, a P-40 fighter pilot. Lieutenant Dean D. Willard was killed in aerial combat over Germany while piloting a P-47 fighter.

HOPE TRIUMPHS IN DELAWARE

The Delaware State Championship, conducted by the Wilmington Chess Club, ended in a 4-0 victory for young Melvin M. Hope. Second place in the 7 player 4 round Swiss went to A. A. Fischer with 3-1, losing one game to Hope. C.C.C. Harding placed third on S-B points with 2-2.

YARMAK GAINS N. J. SCHOLASTIC

Saul N. Yarmak of Passaic High won the New Jersey State High-school Championship, conducted by the New Jersey Chess Federation at the Log Cabin Chess Club. Yarmak score 7-0 in the 18 player 7 round Swiss in which eight schools were represented.

Second place on S-B points went to Joel Sweifach of Sweeney High with 5½-1½, losing one game to Yarmak and drawing with Norman Hurltlen. Norman Hurltlen of Union High placed third with 5½-1½, losing to Yarmak and drawing with Sweifach. Fourth to sixth on S-B points with equal 4½-2½ scores were Derwin Kerr of Cranford High, William Tritchel of Passaic High, and Morton Cohan of Sweeney High. The high school players received valuable assistance from E. Forry Laucks and Edgar McCormick.

JONES TRIUMPHS IN CHGO SOCIAL

After preliminary rounds had separated contenders into A and B Class events, K. R. Jones scored 5-1 to top the final A Class event, losing one game to Abraham Kaufman, who placed second with 4½-1½. The play was marred by the withdrawal after the second round of Djugas Ivanovich, former president of the Yugoslav Chess Federation, who was unexpectedly transferred to another city by the Yugoslav Government.

Walter Grombacher won the B Class event with 7-1, losing one game to James A. Scherer of Great Lakes, who placed second.

Pennsylvania Chess Federation Adopts Vigorous 'Chess for Veterans' Program

By WILLIAM A. RUTH

The Pennsylvania State Chess Federation (State Chapter of the USCF), at their annual meeting in October, voted to bring chess to the veterans and service men in the hospitals of Pennsylvania. It was proposed to send books and magazines to the recreational division of the various hospitals and to offer instruction, lectures, exhibitions and competition to further this campaign.

The following hospitals were selected for this service: viz., The Naval Hospital, Philadelphia; The Valley Forge Army Hospital, Coatesville and the Veterans Administration Hospitals at Altoona, Aspinwall, Butler, Coatesville, Erie, Lebanon and Wilkesbarre.

In all of the years that I have been interested in chess, I never encountered such immediate and enthusiastic support. Everyone, clubs and individuals, were generous far beyond my highest expectations. It was really wonderful.

We immediately subscribed to The Chess Review for each of the hospitals. Following this we purchased books for the boys and with the financial support continuing strong, we were able to add boards and sets of men to the other material being sent out.

Up to date, we have mailed over 350 pieces of chess material to the hospitals. The Christmas mailings, alone, consisted of 54 magazines, 36 newspaper clippings, 19 books, 31 boards, 31 plastic chess sets and 16 (8" x 8") peg sets for use in the wards.

Since starting this campaign, chess classes have been formed in the hospitals at Altoona, Aspinwall and Coatesville. Dr. Slater, of the clinical psychological section, at Coatesville has already done a remarkable job in organizing the boys at that hospital. The chess club's activities are carried in The Coatesville Flyer, the hospital's house organ. Morton B. Pruden, Chief of Recreation, Altoona, and Robert C. Boyd, Chief of Special Service, Aspinwall, are also doing excellent work in this matter.

(Those interested in contributing funds, chess material or services to this worthy cause may contact Mr. William A. Ruth, 15 Gorman Ave., Collingswood, N. J.—The Editor).

NODERER REGAINS TENNESSEE TITLE

L. C. Noderer of Oak Ridge regained the Tennessee Championship in the 8 player 5 round Swiss event at Oak Ridge. He first won in 1950. Noderer allowed one draw in five games with R. R. Coveyou, the 1947 Champion. Coveyou in turn allowed one draw with J. G. Sullivan of Knoxville, winner in 1948 and 1951, who placed third with 3½-1½, losing a game to Noderer.

Fourth place went to Brad Wade, of LaGrange, Ga. with 3-2. Among the participants in sixth place with 2-3 was W. A. Scott of Atlanta, Ga., the ranking negro player of the South and frequent contender in the Tennessee Open events.

GRAVES HEADS GRIEVANCE BOARD

USCF Vice-President Frank R. Graves, 960 East Mulkey Street, Fort Worth 3, Texas has been appointed by President Harold M. Phillips as chairman of the USCF Committee on Grievances. The committee is now considering a number of complaints from N. T. Whitaker.

TAMPA AWARDED 1952 U. S. OPEN

The United States Chess Federation has awarded the 1952 U. S. Open Championship to Tampa, Fla. under the co-sponsorship of the Tampa Chess Club and the Florida Chess League, which will have the cooperation of the Tampa Chamber of Commerce and the Floridan Hotel in staging the event.

According to James B. Gibson, Jr., president of the Tampa Chess Club, plans for the event envision attracting a number of players from Puerto Rico, Cuba and South America to add color and gaiety to the event. Dates for the tournament have not yet been set.

GLAZER TOPS DECATUR PRELIM

With 7-0, Dr. Benjamin Glazer topped the Decatur (Ill.) City Championship preliminaries in an 8 player round robin event. Willard S. Jones was second with 5-2, and Jack Hartley placed third with 4½-2½.

Wachs Wins Intercollegiate Speed, Kaufman Takes Brilliancy Prize

James T. Sherwin of Columbia University, New York State Champion, won the National Intercollegiate Chess Tournament at Houston Hall, University of Pennsylvania this Christmas. He thus gained custody of the Arthur Nabel Trophy succeeding Paul Dietz of Pittsburgh, 1949 champion. Sherwin won his first five games, then drew with Francis Mechner and Saul Wachs in the final two rounds to top the twenty-three man biennial tournament with a 6-1 score. Players from fourteen colleges competed.

Eliot Hearst of Columbia finished a close second with a score of 5½-1½. Recovering from a slow start, Hearst played brilliantly in his last three games, and his victory in the last round against Francis Mechner, his Columbia teammate, clinched second place. This game was Mechner's only loss in the 1949 and 1951 championships.

Saul Wachs of Temple the U. S. Junior Champion, finished an undefeated third, drawing four games with Crittenden, Sherwin, Hearst, and Mechner, to score 5-2. He also gained the inter-collegiate Speed Championship with an 11½-½ score. Hearst, the New York State Rapids Champion was runner-up.

Competing in his first major tournament, Allen Kaufman of N.Y.U. finished fourth. His first round game in which he sacrificed a queen, rook, and bishop won him the special brilliancy prize. (See Tournament Life for game score.)

Francis Mechner and Robert Sobel, 4½-2½ divided fifth and

TAUTVAISAS WINS ILLINOIS OPEN

Povilas Tautvaisas, Chicago City Champion, topped the 27 player 6 round Swiss Christmas tournament at Decatur, Ill. with 5½-½, drawing with runner-up John Tums of Chicago in the final round. Second on S-B points with 4½-1½ was John Tums, a recent Latvian arrival, who lost no games, but drew with Tautvaisas, Ed Vano and Clyde Gray. Third on S-B points with 4½-1½ was former U.S. Open Champion Albert Sandrin, who lost a game to Valdis Tums (brother of John) and drew with Ed Vano.

Fourth to eighth on S-B points with equal 4-2 scores were Ed Vano of East Chicago, Valdis Tums of Chicago, L. C. Young of Madison, John Penquite of Des Moines, and Dr. Max Schlosser of Decatur. The strength of the event was shown by the fact that State Champion Kimball Nedved placed 12th with 3-3. Players from Wisconsin, Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota and Illinois made it a representative middle-western event.

ENEQUIST WINS SO. CAR. OPEN

Former Maryland Champion Lars Enequist of Baltimore topped the South Carolina Open event with 4-1 in an 8 player 5 round Swiss event at Georgetown. Second place on S-B points, also with 4-1, went to Prof. L. L. Foster of Columbia, while Paul Cromelin of Charlotte was third with 3½-1½. Enequist lost one game to Cromelin, while Foster lost to Enequist. Cromelin lost a game to Foster and drew with J. M. Layton.

Herbert Hickman, Marvin Rogan, sixth. Other high scorers were Karl Burger, and James Ricard, 4-3, and Kit Crittenden, Philip Schwartz, and Joe Cotter, 3½-3½. The overall strength of the tournament was evidenced by the play of such stars as Karl Burger, Marshall Junior Champion, Kit Crittenden, North Carolina State Champion, Herbert Hickman, Tri-State Junior Champion, Jackie Mayer and Marvin Rogan, former Kentucky and Indiana State Champions.

George Koltanowski, here from California, served as tournament director and raconteur. His handling of the seven-round Swiss was both skillful and democratic and his tales of chess and chessplayers enlivened the tournament atmosphere. A vote of thanks is due too, to Girard K. Rosenblum, U. of Pennsylvania club president and to Don Vives and Rhys Hays for helping to make the tournament a success. Thanks also to U.S.C.F. Presidents Phillips and Finkelstein for their welcoming addresses, hard work, and cash contributions.

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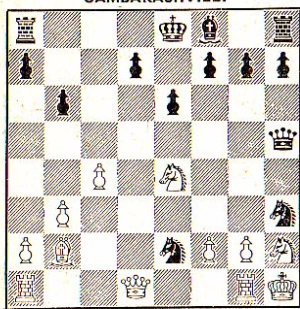
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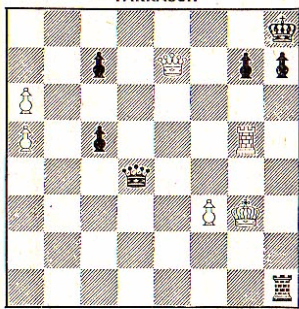
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Diagram 57
Black moves
GAMBARASHVILI



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Tiflis, 1934

Diagram 58
Black moves
TARRASCH



MARCO
Hastings, 1895

to aid the King.
57. 1. Q-R7 mate. White's forces failed to follow the orthodox pattern for smothered mate.
58. 1. Kt-Pch; 2. Kt-Kt1, Kt-Pch; 2. Kt-Kt1.

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JOACHIM, SHEETS TIE IN SEATTLE

Charles Joachim and Leonard Sheets tied for the Seattle City Championship with 4½-1½ each. Joachim lost a game to Gerald Schain and drew with Sheets, who lost a game to Donald Seiter. Third on S-B points was Glenn Mueller with 4-2, while Gerald Schain was fourth also with 4-2 in the 14 player 6 round Swiss event.

The play-off for the City title has been delayed on account of the illness of Leonard Sheets.

Piccadilly (Willernie, Minn.)
Chess Club saw victory in the 9 player double round robin championship go to U. S. Smith with 15½-½, drawing one game with Henry Muska. Second place went to A. L. Johnson with 12-4, losing two games to Smith and one each to Henry Muska and Paul Winters. Henry Muska placed third with 10-6.

Cosmo (Los Angeles) Chess Club championship event ended in a 10½-1½ victory for George W. Chase. Also with 10½-1½, but second on S-B, was Charles Kodil, while Tommy Cragg placed third with 9-3 in the 13 player round robin event. Chase drew with Kodil and lost to Charles Gray, while Kodil lost a game to Cragg.

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Chicago Chess & Checker Club played host to Dutch chessmaster Lodewijk Prins on short notice with a simultaneous exhibition in which the Dutch master won all games. After the exhibition Prins spent four hours at the club showing endgame positions and problems to the members.

University of Washington Chess Club elected Kenneth W. Mulford as president to succeed Gerald Schain now in the U.S. Navy. Other officers are R. C. Stork, editor of the Washington Chess Letter, vice president, Jon Berg secretary-treasurer, and Rod Dimoff as organization assembly delegate.

Howard (R.I.) Chess Club was host to Southern Ass'n Champion N. T. Whitaker who gave a series of simultaneous exhibitions. Lone Howard victor was Mortimer Ashe in the 30 games contested against the expert.

100% USCF RATED TOURNAMENTS

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Colorado Open Championship
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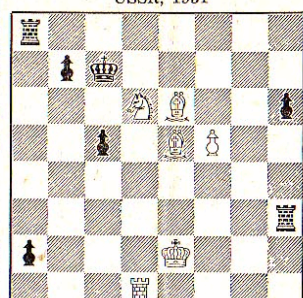
While a prompt submission of reports on these unrated events will not now permit their being included in the Ratings as of December 31, 1951 reports (if submitted without delay) will be included in the calculations for the Ratings as of July 31, 1952.

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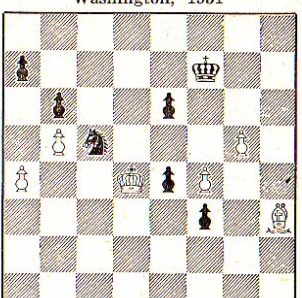
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Smyslov vs. Bronstein
USSR, 1951



7. 1pK5, 3SB2p, 2p1BP2, 8, 7r, p3K3, 3R4
White to play and win

Position No. 74
K. Baer vs. E. Nash
Washington, 1951



8, p4k2, 1p2p3, 1P3p1, P2KpP2, 5p1B, 8, 8
Black to play and win

Finish It The Clever Way!

Conducted by Edmund Nash

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IN the amazing, grandmasters, Position No. 73 from the recent USSR championship tournament won by Keres, Black resigned after White's first move. In this tourney the results were surprising, for World Champion Botvinnik finished fifth and Bronstein tied for sixth place. Details are printed elsewhere in this issue of CHESS LIFE.

The virtuosity of the Knight is seen in all its glory in Position No. 74 which is a companion piece to Position No. 70 in the study of minor piece play. Whereas the win was quickly spotted over the board in Position No. 70, it was worked out laboriously after many hours of adjournment analysis in Position No. 74 which was arrived at after White made his sealed move of 1. B(B1)-R3. (I had also worked out wins against 1. B-B4 and 1. K-K3). The win involves an initial three-move combination and a subsequent King-triangulation to gain the move, if White makes the best defense.

For solution please turn to Page four.

Santa Monica (Calif) Chess Club championship tournament went to 1950 State Champion Ray Martin with 9-0. Second place resulted in a 6-3 tie between State Champion Arthur Spiller and Gerard Van Deene. Spiller lost games to John Keckhut and Ray Martin, while drawing with David Eliason and George Stevens. Van Deene lost to Martin and Spiller and also drew with Eliason and Stevens. John Keckhut placed fourth with 5½-3½.

Queen City (Buffalo) Chess Club championship event saw victory go to veteran Roy T. Black, Sr. with 9-1 in 25 player Swiss event. Black drew with Morton R. Siegel, who placed second with 8-2, and Richard E. Boyer. Siegel lost to Buffalo City Champion Chester T. Fell and also drew with James J. Barrett. Scoring 4½ points in last five rounds, Barrett rocketed into third place with 6½-3½.

ILLINOIS OPEN TOURNAMENT

Decatur, 1951

1. P. Tautvaisas (Chicago)	W10	D14	W15	W13	W4	D2	5½-3	19.25
2. J. Tums (Chicago)	W10	D14	D25	W9	W13	D1	4½-1½	15.50
3. A. Sandrin (Chicago)	L5	W19	W14	W15	W6	D4	4½-1½	14.50
4. Ed. Vano (E. Chicago, Ind.)	W11	D2	W8	W12	L1	D3	4-2	15.00
5. Valdis Tums (Chicago)	W3	D7	L12	W16	W19	D9	4-2	13.75
6. L. C. Young (Madison, W.)	L1	W11	W21	L7	L2	W12	4-2	12.50
7. Penquite (Des Moines, Ia.)	Bye	D9	L6	W18	W13	4-2	9.75	
8. Dr. M. Schlosser (Decatur)	D19	Bye	L4	W25	D12	W16	4-2	6.25
9. Mark Surges (Milwaukee)	D12	W22	D7	L2	W10	D5	3½-2½	11.00
10. J. Bajorek (Chicago)	L2	W18	D20	W17	L9	W19	3½-2½	9.75
11. R. D. Fircbaugh (Decatur)	L1	W26	D14	W25	W20	3½-2½	9.75	
12. K. Nedved (Glencoe)	D27	W5	L4	D8	L6	3-3	8.25	
13. F. Stoppel (Cicero)	W17	W24	W16	L1	L2	L7	3-3	8.00
14. J. Warren (Rock Island)	W18	L1	L3	D11	D17	W27	3-3	6.75
15. R. L. Fletcher (Decatur)	W20	W25	L1	L3	B16	W21	3-3	5.50
16. R. D. Fircbaugh (Robinson)	W26	W25	L13	L5	W15	L4	3-3	5.50
17. G. Grver (Decatur)	L13	D21	W27	L10	D4	W23	3-3	5.00
18. Dr. B. Glazer (Decatur)	L14	L10	Bye	W22	L7	W24	3-3	4.00
19. Melvin Semb (Winona, Minn.)	2½-3½	6.50;	20. William Backemeyer (Gary, Ind.)	2½-3½	6.50;	21. Henry Jeffery (Rock Island)	2½-3½	6.50;
22. R. L. Pocklington (Joliet)	2½-3½	6.50;	23. Herbert Ciyatt (Decatur)	2½-3½	6.50;	24. Jack Hartley (Decatur)	2½-3½	6.50;
25. Clyde Gray (Rock Island)	1½-4½	4.25;	26. W. S. Jones (Decatur)	1-5	0.00;			
27. Mrs. Pauline Nearing (Decatur)	1-5	0.00;						

NEW JERSEY STATE HIGH SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP

Orange, 1951

1. S. Yarmak (Passaic High)	W13	W4	W12	D3	W8	L1	W4	5½-1½	23.25
2. J. Swefach (Sweezy High)	Bye	W11	W12	D3	W8	L1	W4	5½-1½	21.75
3. N. Hurltlen (Union High)	W18	W16	W7	D2	L1	W1	W11	5½-1½	21.25
4. D. Kerr (Cranford High)	D10	L1	W18	W16	W11	W5	L2	4½-1½	16.25
5. W. Tritelch (Passaic H.)	W15	L12	W16	D7	W17	L4	W9	4½-1½	16.00
6. M. Cohan (Sweeney High)	Bye	L8	W15	D11	D7	D9	W13	4½-1½	15.00
7. I. Yarmak (Passaic High)	W9	W10	L3	D5	D6	W13	L1	4-3	18.50
8. E. Friedman (Sweeney H.)	Bye	W6	L1	W13	L2	L3	W12	4-3	14.50
9. E. Muntz (Millburn High)	L7	W14	L11	W10	W12	D6	L5	3½-3½	15.25
10. B. Harwood (Clifton H.)	D4	L7	W14	L9	L13	W15	W17	3½-3½	12.75
11. R. Stearns (Plainfield H.)	Bye	L2	W9	D6	L4	W14	L3	3½-3½	12.25
12. Zoltan Frakas (Clifton High)	3-4	(12.50);	13. Bud Taylor (Cranford High)	3-4	(12.50);				
14. George Schoem (Clifton High)	3-4	(7.00);	15. Bob D'heenede (Madison High)	2-5	(4.00);	16. Fraser Ranale (Clifton High)	2-5	(4.00);	
17. Conrad Schaefar (Cranford High)	2-5	(4.00);	18. Warren Moore (Passaic High)	0-7	(0.00);				

CHICAGO CITY CHESS LEAGUE SOCIAL TOURNEY

Class A Finals, Chicago, 1951

1. K. R. Jones (Chicago)	x	x	1	0	1	1	1	1	5-1
2. Abraham Kaufman (Chicago)	0	1	x	x	1	1	1	1	4½-1½
3. Edw. Dietrich (Chicago)	0	0	1	0	x	x	0	1	13-4½
4. Djugas Ivanovich (Belgrade)	0	0	0	0	1	0	x	1	1-5

Ivanovich withdrew after second round when shifted by Yugoslav Government to another city.

Class B Finals, Chicago, 1951

1. Walter Grombacher (Chicago)	x	x	1	0	1	1	1	1	7-1
2. Jas. A. Scherer (Great Lakes)	0	1	x	x	1	1	1	1	6½-1½
3. Barry Herzberg (Chicago)	0	0	0	0	x	x	0	1	3½-4½
4. Ted Spahn (Evanston)	0	0	0	0	0	1	x	1	3-5
5. M. Wolff (Chicago)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	x	0-8

Wolff withdrew because of illness.

DECATUR CITY CHAMPIONSHIP

Preliminaries, Decatur, 1951

1. Dr. Benjamin Glazer	x	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7-0
2. Willard S. Jones	0	x	1	0	1	1	1	1	4½-1½
3. Jack Hartley	0	1	x	1	1	1	1	1	4½-1½
4. Mrs. Pauline Nearing	0	1	x	x	0	0	1	1	3½-3½
5. Mrs. Mildred McMaster	0	0	0	1	x	1	1	1	3½-3½
6. Richard Schuman	0	0	0	0	1	0	x	1	3-4
7. James Doubleday	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1-6
8. Harold McMaster	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	x	1-6½

TENNESSEE STATE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Oak Ridge, 1951
1. L. C. Norderer (Oak Ridge, Tenn.) W7 | W4 | W3 | D2 | W5 | 4½-1½ | 11.50 || 2. R. R. Coveyou (Oak Ridge) | D3 | W5 | W4 | D1 | W6 | 4-1 | 11.00 |
| 3. J. G. Sullivan (Knoxville) | D2 | W6 | L1 | W7 | W8 | 3½-1½ | 5.00 | | | | |
| 4. Brad Wade (LaGrange, Ga.) | W5 | L1 | W2 | W4 | W3 | 2-2 | 3.00 |
| 5. Martin Souther (Knoxville, Tenn.) | 2-3 | 2.00; | 6. W. A. Scott (Atlanta, Ga.) | 2-3 | 2.00; | 7. J. E. Murphy (Maryville, Tenn.) | 1-4 | 0.00; | 8. B. Lubarsky (Oak Ridge, Tenn.) | 0-5 | 0.00; |

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Alekhine's Early Chess Career

Additional Data
By A. Buschke

V. ALEKHINE IN SOVIET-LAND
WHETHER the following game belongs still to 1919 or already to 1920, is doubtful. In Alekhine's pamphlet "Schachleben in Sowjet-Russland" it is dated "1920" while in Ilyin-Zhenevsky's chess column in "K Novoi Armii" no. 16, Sept. 22, 1920, it is provided with the heading "No. 10 Game, played in the Championship-Tournament of the City of Moscow, 1919."

RUY LOPEZ
Moscow Championship, 1919-20

Source: "Schachleben in Sowjet-Russland" p. 9 (SL)

"K Novoi Armii" no. 16, Sept. 22, 1920 (KNA)

Notes by A. A. Alekhine in these publications

White Black
A. A. ALEKHINE N. D. GRIGORIEV

1. P-K4 P-K4 5. O-O P-QB3
2. Kt-KB3 Kt-QB3 6. B-B4 Kt-K2
3. B-Kt5 Kt-Q5 7. P-Q3 P-Q4
4. Kt-Kt1 P-K4 8. B-Kt2 P-K4
(SL) Much stronger than 8. P-K4. (KNA) Much stronger than the exchange on Q5.

8. P-K4 P-K4
(SL) Relatively better was 8. P-Kt3 followed by B-Kt2. (KNA) Comparatively better was P-Kt3 and B-Kt2, the way I played against Znosko-Borovsky in the match Moscow-Petrograd 1913. The refusal of Black's attempt to rescue himself from the principal defect of his position—the doubled pawns—gives the game theoretical interest.

9. P-K4 Kt-Kt3 10. P-QB3
(KNA) Only the move retaining the superiority. Obviously, Black cannot take this pawn on account of 11. BxPch.

10. B-QB4 11. Q-R5
(KNA) Only a very important tempo, thanks to which a fast mobilization of the pieces on the Q-side is possible.

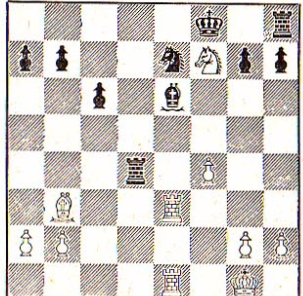
11. Q-K2 12. B-Kt5 QxP
(SL) Very risky. However, even after 12. P-B3; 13. B-KB4, B-Kt3; 14. P-Kt2, Black's position was not enviable. (KNA) Risky! Black evidently insufficiently realized that even after the exchange of Queens forced by him, the opponent still retains an attacking position. Incidentally, even after 12. P-B3; 13. B-KB4, B-Kt3; 14. P-Kt2, 15. KR-K1, his position would not be long to the enviable class.

14. QR-Ktch K-B1 16. P-K4 B-K2
(KNA) Of course, not BxP; 17. R-K4, etc.

17. P-B4
17. B-KB4
(KNA) If P-B3, then 18. P-B3; 18. Bxch Kt-B3, then 18. R-B3; Kt-Q2, 19. R-Kt1 P-B3, then Kt-Q6!

(KNA) If 21. R-P3, then Kt-Q6! 22. Kt-Kt5 R-P3 23. Kt-Kt5!

After 23. Kt-P! GRIGORIEV

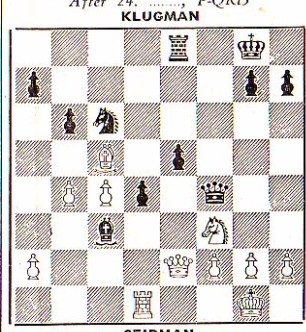


23. Kt-P! Kt-Kt5
23. BxKt, I would have answered: 24. BxKt, Kt-B3; 25. R-Kt1 Kt-Kt3; 26. R-Kt1, R-P3; 27. R-K6 ch, R-B3; 28. R-Rch, Kt-R3; 29. R-Rch, Kt-R3; 30. R-Rch, Kt-R3; 31. R-Rch, Kt-R3; 32. R-Rch, Kt-R3; 33. R-Rch, Kt-R3; 34. R-Rch, Kt-R3; 35. R-Rch, Kt-R3; 36. R-Rch, Kt-R3; 37. R-Rch, Kt-R3; 38. R-Rch, Kt-R3; 39. R-Rch, Kt-R3; 40. R-Rch, Kt-R3; 41. R-Rch, Kt-R3; 42. R-Rch, Kt-R3; 43. R-Rch, Kt-R3; 44. R-Rch, Kt-R3; 45. R-Rch, Kt-R3; 46. R-Rch, Kt-R3; 47. R-Rch, Kt-R3; 48. R-Rch, Kt-R3; 49. R-Rch, Kt-R3; 50. R-Rch, Kt-R3; 51. R-Rch, Kt-R3; 52. R-Rch, Kt-R3; 53. R-Rch, Kt-R3; 54. R-Rch, Kt-R3; 55. R-Rch, Kt-R3; 56. R-Rch, Kt-R3; 57. R-Rch, Kt-R3; 58. R-Rch, Kt-R3; 59. R-Rch, Kt-R3; 60. R-Rch, Kt-R3; 61. R-Rch, Kt-R3; 62. R-Rch, Kt-R3; 63. R-Rch, Kt-R3; 64. R-Rch, Kt-R3; 65. R-Rch, Kt-R3; 66. R-Rch, Kt-R3; 67. R-Rch, Kt-R3; 68. R-Rch, Kt-R3; 69. R-Rch, Kt-R3; 70. R-Rch, Kt-R3; 71. R-Rch, Kt-R3; 72. R-Rch, Kt-R3; 73. R-Rch, Kt-R3; 74. R-Rch, Kt-R3; 75. R-Rch, Kt-R3; 76. R-Rch, Kt-R3; 77. R-Rch, Kt-R3; 78. R-Rch, Kt-R3; 79. R-Rch, Kt-R3; 80. R-Rch, Kt-R3; 81. R-Rch, Kt-R3; 82. R-Rch, Kt-R3; 83. R-Rch, Kt-R3; 84. R-Rch, Kt-R3; 85. R-Rch, Kt-R3; 86. R-Rch, Kt-R3; 87. R-Rch, Kt-R3; 88. R-Rch, Kt-R3; 89.

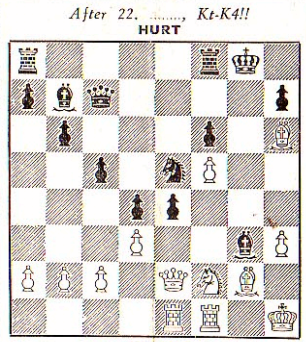
QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED
U. S. Intercollegiate Championship
Philadelphia, 1951

Notes by Erich W. Marchand
White
K. CRITTENDEN
1. P-Q4 2. P-Q4
Black
A. KAUFMAN
1. P-Q4 2. P-Q4
White can choose to make it a French Defense by 2. P-K4.

11. O-O B-B4 14. Kt-K4 B-Kt3
12. Kt-Kt3 O-O
Black's pieces are more actively posted to insure compensation for the "hanging" center P's.



25. P-Kt5?
Probably the losing move. He might draw with B-Q6.



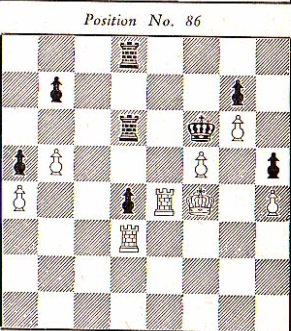
A beautiful sacrifice of the exchange which is not at all obvious.
23. BxP K-R1 26. Q-K4 Q-KB2
24. BxR RxB 27. R-R1

Alekhine's Career
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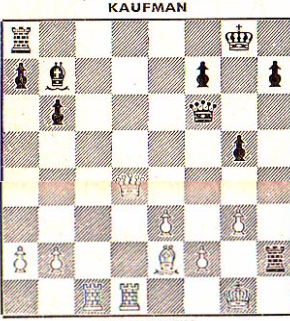
White plays for mate.
33. R-B3** 35. RxB KxR
34. P-R4ch K-K15 36. R-K4 mate

What's The Best Move?
By Guilleme Groesser



White to move
3rd, 1p4p1, 3r1kP1, pP3P1, P2pRK1P, 3R4, 8, 8.

Solution to Position No. 83
This was, by comparison, a rather simple combinative position, which occurred in the Najdorf-Guindard game.



CRITTENDEN
This is the point of Black's P sacrifice at move 20. If 23. QxQ, R-R8 mate.

FRENCH DEFENSE
New York State Championship
Syracuse, 1951
Notes by Reuben Klugman
White
H. SEIDMAN
1. P-K4 P-K3 3. Kt-Q5 Kt-KB3

FRENCH DEFENSE
Tri-State Championship
Huntington, 1951

Notes by K. Crittenden from West Virginia Chess Bulletin
White
W. M. BYLAND
1. P-K4 P-K3 3. Kt-Q5 Kt-KB3

For The Tournament-Minded
January ??
Chicago City Championship
Chicago, Ill.

Data on this event, published in issue of January 5, 1952 is incorrect. Apparently the Chicago City Chess League has cancelled this event without notifying CHESS LIFE or other recipients of its bulletin.

February 3
Chicago Speed Championship
Chicago, Ill.

Open; entry fee 50c plus \$1 deposit; 1:00 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 3 at YMCA Hotel, 826 So. Wabash Ave.; 4 man prelims and final A & B events; all round robin; conducted by Chicago City Chess League.

SOUTH CAROLINA OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP
Georgetown, 1951

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Score. Includes L. Enequist, Prof. L. L. Foster, P. Cromie, A. Edelsburg, J. M. Layton, W. B. Compton, K. Campbell.

OAHU OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP
Honolulu, 1951

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Score. Includes Alva L. Larsen, K. L. Kum, Charles Powell, Ankon Kivisho, Cesarito Noble, Harry B. Lee, George Battle, Raymond S. Taggart.

OAHU "B" CLASS OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP
Honolulu, 1951

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Score. Includes R. L. Cummings, H. D. Kirschman, R. S. Millgrove, E. Marchal, John Paulikas, Ralph M. Maeda, I. W. Bowman, R. W. Collins.

MISSOURI STATE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP
St. Louis, 1951

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Score. Includes H. Lew, R. H. Steinmeyer, W. M. Byland, W. Grombacher, K. R. Smith, A. C. Ludwig, E. Godbold, W. C. Newberry, Mrs. D. Williams, R. W. Volman, R. Speck.

LAKE ERIE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP
Buffalo, 1951

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Score. Includes Erich W. Marchand, Russel Olin, Morton R. Siegel, Glenn E. Hartleb, Stanley F. Smith, Chester T. Fell, Roy T. Black, William Squire, Vernon Gable, George J. Mauer, Helge Berquist, George F. Chase, Norman C. Wilder, William Wilcock, Alfred A. Allison, Robert J. Nasca, Robert L. Mekus, Walter Lagowsky.

WOOD PUSHERS' TOURNAMENT
Miami, 1951

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Score. Includes Stephen Ferris, A. Pederson, Anthony Talarczyk, R. Robert Adamson, M. E. Duckles, E. Ernest Scheuplein, Richard Pierce, Victor Emanuel, H. F. Jackson, Robert Carpenter, Charles Rosenfeld, Joseph Worth.

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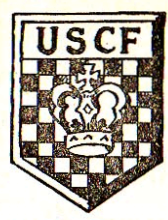
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PROBLEMISTS WIN AWARDS

Chess Life Problem Composing Awards Go To Musante, Holladay, and Kujoth

By VINCENT L. EATON
Editor, *Mate the Subtle Way!*

WE take pleasure in presenting the awards in CHESS LIFE'S International Composing Tourney for two-move problems, all of the entries in which have now been published. It was truly a global contest, for in addition to 35 problems by American composers, there were 13 from Canada and a total of 29 from Argentina, Australia, Bermuda, Belgium, Great Britain, Czechoslovakia, The Netherlands, Israel, Italy, and Sweden. The quality of the entries was generally good—comparable to that of most of the recent tourneys—and the task of rating them has not been easy. The judging has been done by the Problem Editor, guided by the comments and counsel of the late Alain White, to whose memory grateful tribute is once more paid.

The award as originally drafted has had to be revised slightly, some of the best entries having been found to be unsound or anticipated by previously published work. The major casualty was the following by O. Stocchi: 8, p7, 1bB2Q2, 1R3s1q, 1Bk2rS1, p2Sp2p, b1P1sP2, 3K4. Mate in two by 1. B-R5. Originally selected for first prize, this was found to be anticipated by J. Buchwald's first prize winner in the 1936 Enroque! tourney, as follows: 4K3, p1P1BBb, 3pSP1p, 1Sr2k2, q1s3R1, 2Q4P, 7b, 8. Mate in two by 1. B-R8.

FIRST PRIZE (\$10.00): R/Dr. Horacio L. Musante. A skillfully constructed example of the modern changed-mate problem, with the key altering the set mates after 1., QxQP and 1., either KtXP.

SECOND PRIZE (\$7.50): Edgar Holladay. Five strategic corrections by the Black Knight—a difficult task, cleverly performed.

THIRD PRIZE (\$5.00): Edgar Holladay. An unusual progression follows the defenses 1., KKT-K13, 1., QKT-K13, and 1., Kt-Q6, with attractive line-play.

SPECIAL PRIZE (\$2.50): Richard Kujoth. The key gives the Black King four additional flight squares, with a varied assortment of mates following them.

Sealing the Honorable Mentions and Commended problems is somewhat arbitrary, since they are very much on a level in respect to quality.

FIRST HONORABLE MENTION: Eric M. Hassberg, Jackson Heights, New York. B2S1B2, 1qrs4, p2P1p2, Rbrkb3, 1Q1S2s1, 3P1P2, 2P5, 1K1R4. 1. Kt-B5, featuring an amazing network of pins after 1., BxP(Q6).

SECOND HONORABLE MENTION: R/Dr. Horacio L. Musante, Buenos Aires, Argentina. b7, 4p3, 1p3p1q, 1R1s1Q2, BpKB1b1R, 2P2S2, 5p1p, 1R1s1S1K, 1. BxKtP, combining the "Rukhlis" and "Barulin" themes, with the set mates after 1., either Kt-K6 disappearing after the key but reappearing after 1., either KtXP.

THIRD HONORABLE MENTION: C. W. Sheppard, Norristown, Pennsylvania. 2Q2B2, 2Sp4, 1p1p3, 1S4K1, 1rPR2p1, 1p3R2, 1sbP4, q6B. 1. RxQP, with a rich variety of strategic play.

FOURTH HONORABLE MENTION: S. Sedgwick, Manor Park, England. 2B5, 3S1K1p, 2rP1p1r, p3Bk2, 6Rp, 1pPp1p2, 2qs1S2, 8. 1. Kt-R3; and artistic setting, with a flight-giving key and three mates by the White Knight battery following self-blocks.

FIFTH HONORABLE MENTION: Comins Mansfield, Surrey, England. 8, qpp3QS, 6b1, 2r2p2, RB2Bk1s, 2r2PpK, 2p2Ps1, 03S3. 1. B-B6, combining nine mates in a pleasing blend.

SIXTH HONORABLE MENTION: Edgar Holladay, Charlottesville, Virginia. 5SqB, 2pQ1P2, 2p1s1R1,

3s2Pp, 1S3k1K, 3pR2B, 4Rr2, b6b. 1. QxP(B6), changing two corrections by the King's Knight to three by the Queen's.

SEVENTH HONORABLE MENTION: Julius Buchwald, Jackson Heights, New York. K2R4, 8, 6p1, bS2p2B, 1B1sp3, 2s3R1, 1ppPP3, 2rKS1Q1. 1. R-Kt2, combining the "Schiffmann" and "Mari" themes in the defenses by 1., either KtXP.

EIGHTH HONORABLE MENTION: Francis J. C. DeBlasio, Brooklyn, New York. 8, 1P1QRp2, 3B1P2, 3K4, 1P1p2S1, 1r1b3K, B5B5, 2sR4. 1. P-Kt8(Kt), with an interesting group of cross-checks.

NINTH HONORABLE MENTION: A. J. Fink, San Francisco, California. B5KB, p2Q1Rp, qbS3, 1b1k2pr, 3P2P1, 4p3, S1R1P3, 3r4. 1. KtXP, with an unusual cluster of mates.

TENTH HONORABLE MENTION: Ewhe Onyschuk, Toronto, Canada. 4R3, 2Q2S2, q2rb3, 1P3p2, 2Bskp1R, p1s1P1r1, K2B4, 4S3. 1. Q-B5, with a wealth of interference play.

COMMENDED
Francis J. C. DeBlasio, Brooklyn, New York. K1b5, s7, 2pS4, BpKB4, 2S1Q3, 8, 2R1s3, 12Rr3. 1. Q-K5.
Julius Buchwald, Brooklyn, New York. r2k1B2, S1pp3R, 5K2, 7B, b1pQ4, b7, 8, 1. Q-K5.

P. ten Cate, Rotterdam, The Netherlands. 5b1B, 8, 8, R6K, 1pKS2S1, 6Rp, P3b2r, 2s2B2. 1. R-QKt3.

Knud Rasmussen, Richvale, Canada. 7Q, K1S1B1r1, p1B1P2b, R1s1kppS, s4r2, 2P5, 3P4, 8. 1. Kt-K15.

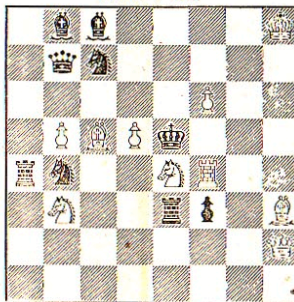
E. Shahaf, Tel-aviv, Israel, and J. J. P. A. Seilberger, The Hague, The Netherlands. 2S1B2B, 8, 5s2, r1kPS3, 1p4sb, 1P6, 2rR1p2, 5Q1K. 1. B-K7.

C. W. Sheppard, Norristown, Pennsylvania. 3K2b1, 1Sp4P, 5Q2, S2k3r, 3P2r1, 4b3, 1P3R1s1, 1B4B1, 1. Q-K7.

ANTO TRIUMPHS AT TORONTO U

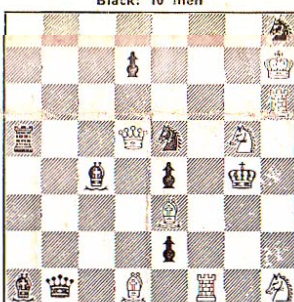
H. Anto won the Varsity Championship at the University of Toronto 8½-½, drawing with T. J. Kagsetsu who placed second with 8-1. Kagsetsu also drew with G. G. Perault. Third place went to H. Feldberg with 6½-2½. Anto and Kagsetsu will play a six-game match for the title.

FIRST PRIZE
By R/Dr. Horacio L. Musante
Buenos Aires, Argentina
Black: 9 men



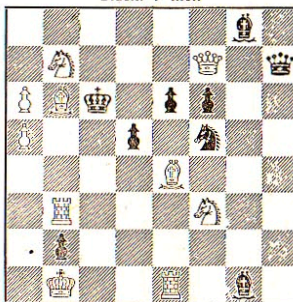
White: 10 men
1bb4K, 1qrs, 5P2, 1PBPk3, rs2SR2,
1S2rp1B, 7Q, 8
White mates in two moves
(1. Kt-Q6)

THIRD PRIZE
By Edgar Holladay
Charlottesville, Virginia
Black: 10 men



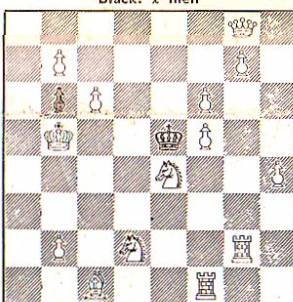
White: 8 men
7s, 3p3K, 7R, r2Qs1S1, 2b1p1k1, 4B3,
4p3, bq1B1R1S
White mates in two moves
(1. KtXP)

SECOND PRIZE
By Edgar Holladay
Charlottesville, Virginia
Black: 9 men



White: 10 men
6b1, 1S3Q1q, Pk1pp2, P2p1s2, 4B3,
1R3S2, 1p6, 1K2R1b1
White mates in two moves
(1. B-Q3)

SPECIAL PRIZE
(For best problem by an American who has not previously won a tourney award)
By Richard Kujoth
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Black: 2 men



White: 14 men
6Q1, 1P4P1, 1pP2P2, 1K2Kp2, 4S2P, 8,
1P1S2R1, 2B2R2
White mates in two moves
(1. Kt-B2)

BOOK PUBLISHED OF PAN-AMERICAN

Industrious Jack Spence of Omaha has now issued Vol IV in his American Tournament Series—The Hollywood Pan-American Tournament, 1945. The book consists of 78 games with 39 of these annotated, covering an important American chess event in which the leading contestants were Reshevsky, Fine, Pilnik, Horowitz, Kashdan, Rosetto, Steiner and Adams. The book is mimeographed in a limited edition of 200 copies, selling for \$2.00 each. Orders may be sent to Jack Spence, 208 So. 25th Avenue, Omaha 2, Neb. Also available are a few copies of Vol III in the series, The U. S. Championship of 1948 at South Fallsburg, also priced at \$2.00.

EVANS WRITES FOR MAGAZINE

Making his bow as an author, U. S. Champion Larry Evans has a three page article in the January issue of the "United Nations World," complete with a large photo of the youthful author. The magazine retails for 35c on the stands and may be obtained for 41c postpaid by writing United Nations World, 319 East 44th Street, New York City.

It is rumored also that Larry's photo will appear in an early issue of "Look" magazine. Chess is looking up.

CORPUS CHRISTI SEES GRAY WIN

James W. Gray with 7-2 in a ten player round robin won the Corpus Christi City title, losing games to Charles Blanpied and Folk Weaver. Henry Youngman and Charles Fuchsman tied for second with 6½-2½ each. Youngman lost to Gray and drew with Pablo Cortez, Blanpied and Weaver, while Fuchsman lost to Gray and Youngman and drew with Blanpied. Pablo Cortez placed fourth with 6-3.

GEE TRIUMPHS IN SACRAMENTO

By virtue of S-B points, J. B. Gee topped the 15 player 5 round Swiss Sacramento City Qualifying Tourney with a 4½-½ score, drawing with M. O. Meyer who placed second, also with 4½-½. Ray Richards was third with 4-1, losing a game to Gee. Fourth to seventh with equal 3-2 scores on S-B points were R. E. Russell, S. G. Johnson, F. Roman, and S. Spaulding. The final Sacramento City Championship event began January 23rd.

ISCA CONDUCTS CHGO CITY EVENT

An invitational Chicago City Championship will be conducted at the Lawson YMCA by the Illinois State Chess Ass'n on February 10.

CUBA INVITES FIVE US PLAYERS

Cuba has invited five masters from the USA to compete in the gala International Tournament at Havana in February, which is being held to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Republic of Cuba. The Americans invited are U. S. Champion Larry Evans, former U. S. Champions Samuel Reshevsky and Herman Steiner, former U. S. Open Champion Israel Horowitz and Dr. Edward Lasker.

Other noted players invited include: Najdorf, Elistkases, Prins, Rossolimo, Gligoric, Arturito Pomar, Juan Toran, and Braslav Rabar. Cuba will be represented in the event by Dr. Juan Gonzales and Dr. Romano with four other as yet unnamed Cuban players for a proposed entry list of 19 participants. Of the invited players, the presence of Rossolimo is reported the only doubtful one. Business engagements may prevent his appearance, as it forced Dr. Max Euwe to decline an invitation to participate.

Trifunovic may be included among the contestants according to rumor.

GUTEKUNST TOPS ALLENTOWN CITY

In the 9 player round robin, former Penn State Champion Thomas C. Gutekunst won the Allentown City title with 8-0. Paul Sherr and Jack Mack tied for second with 5½-2½ each. Sherr lost to Gutekunst and Mack while drawing with Armin Herrmann, while Mack lost games to Gutekunst and Herrmann while drawing with Woodrow Young. Herrmann placed fourth with 4½-3½.

MANNEY WINS IN WASH. OPEN

O. W. Manney, former Arizona champion, topped the 26 player 6 round Swiss Washington Open Championship with 5½-½, drawing with Leonard Sheets. Second place went on S-B points to Don Turner of Portland with 5-1, losing a game to Manney, while Leonard Sheets placed third, also with 5-1, drawing with Manney and James Amidon.

Fourth to ninth respectively on S-B points with equal 4-2 scores were George Stearns, Dr. Shepard, Dr. A. A. Murray, Charles Joachim, D. Ward, and Floyd Hebert.

MSCA MEETING HOLDS INTEREST

The annual meeting of the Massachusetts State Chess Association will be held on February 22 at 10:00 a.m. at Phillips Brooks House in Cambridge and all members have been urged to attend. The very important item on the agenda is a resolution for the MSCA to become the State Chapter of the USCF through adoption of the National Chess Coordination Program. Results of a test census taken earlier indicate that the majority of the membership favors such affiliation, but it remains important, according to MSCA President Robert W. Reddy, that all members be present to vote upon the resolution.

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WHOSE RESPONSIBILITY?

ON the agenda in international chess for 1952 are three important events, in which the United States should be represented. These are the Interzonal Tournament at Stockholm to determine participants in the Candidates Tournament for the World Championship title, the Woman's World Championship Tournament at Moscow, and the International Team Tournament at Helsinki. There is also under discussion the World Junior Championship event.

If the United States is not represented in all, or most, of these events, there will be a loud outcry from the critics, ever eager for the opportunity of vocal exhibitionism.

But ultimately the responsibility for U. S. participation in the various international events rests with the individual chess players of the USA. And any criticism they may voice at a failure to have such representation is a criticism of their own failure.

The United States Chess Federation desires American participation in all such international events, for that is one of many reasons why it was organized. But participation is expensive, it demands a considerable outlay in transportation and living expenses for the players sent to represent the Federation and the USA. Whether the USCF can finance any or all of these adventures in international chess depends entirely upon the financial support given to the Federation by the individual chess players of the USA. If the chess players, as individuals, respond loyally with their support of the Federation, there is no question but that all such events can be provided with American entries to the greater glory of chess in the USA. But to do this, all chess players must contribute to the cause by paying their own dues in the USCF promptly and in encouraging their chess playing friends to do likewise.

Those who call the tune, must pay the pipers; those who want the USA to assume its proper role in international chess must be willing to share in the financial responsibility.

Montgomery Major

The Kibitzer Has His Day

From the Editor's Mail Bag

Dear Mr. Major:

Re Mr. Soudakoff's complaints and accusations (CHESS LIFE, Volume VI, Number 7) I have to say this:

In his letter of inquiry dated October 1, 1951, Mr. Soudakoff raised only one question: "... I would like to know ... on what basis invitations were extended to the 1951 ... U. S. Championship ...", adding: "I raise this question because (a) three players who were rated below me in the Rating List ... were participants ... and (b) although I was available and eager to play, no invitation was extended to me."

I answered politely (Oct. 3, 1951) that the U. S. Rating List has so far not been adopted as binding for the U. S. Championship, that the 1951 Championship had to be held as an invitation tournament, that in the last minute I had to find some substitutes without being bound to follow any prearranged list, and that among those I accordingly tried to contact was Mr. Soudakoff himself whom I unfortunately failed to reach since his telephone didn't answer.

To this, Mr. Soudakoff replied in a letter (October 20, 1951) so mandatory and arrogant I had to inform him of my unwillingness to continue our correspondence on the level he entered.

Here are some samples of the attitude Mr. Soudakoff has taken in his second letter:

(1) He reprimanded me for having failed to answer questions he didn't ask: "... you have not explained what the purpose of the Rating List is ... nor why the Federation chooses to ignore its own list."

(2) He blamed me for his failure to understand the term invitation tournament meaning that (by decision of the Board of Directors) the selection of the players has been left to the Tournament Committee's insight. (As for the emergency substitutes, I gladly take the responsibility for having considered Mr. Soudakoff as good as any of those substitutes who did participate, and vice versa.)

(3) He hinted I might have been bribed: "I am led to assume ... the basis of selection was on factors other than merits." (Style his.)

(4) Quoting me as saying: "Had I known that you were eager to play I would have extended an invitation to you with pleasure, satisfaction and relief" he made this preposterous comment "In other words, by your own admission, had I forsaken my pride and pleaded with you for an invitation, it would have been forthcoming."

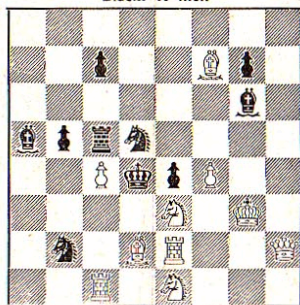
(5) He involuntarily disclosed the frivolous nature of his accusa-

Mate The Subtle Way!

by Vincent L. Eaton

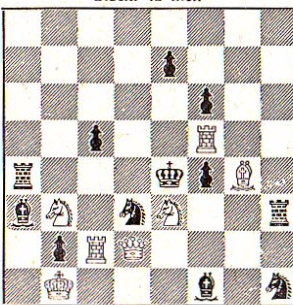
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Problem No. 303
By M. Marysko
Prague, Czechoslovakia
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Black: 10 men



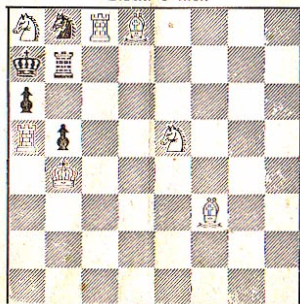
White: 10 men
8, 2p2p1, 6b1, bpr4, 2PkP2,
4S1K1, 1s1SR2Q, 2R1S3
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 304
By Z. Zilahi
Budapest, Hungary
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Black: 12 men



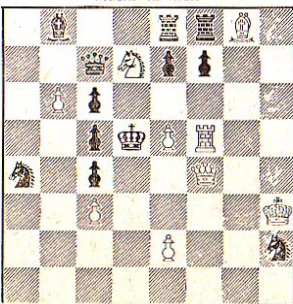
White: 7 men
8, 3p3, 5p2, 2p2R2, r3kpB1, bS1sS2r,
1pRQ4, 1K3b1s
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 305
By Dr. P. G. Keeney
Newport, Kentucky
First Publication
Black: 5 men



White: 7 men
SsRB4, kr6, p7, Rp2S3, 1K6, 5B2, 8, 8
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 306
By C. S. Kipping
The Problemist
November, 1951
Black: 12 men



White: 9 men
1b2rrB1, 2q5p2, 1Pp5, 2pkPR2, s1p2Q2,
2P4K, 4P2S, 8
White mates in three moves

For solutions to previously published problems, please turn to page four.

Master Woodcarver Makes 10,000 Sets

By HAROLD LUNDSTROM

(Reprinted from "Let's Play Chess"—a regular feature in the Deseret News, Salt Lake City, Utah.)

FOR 20 years now, the chess world has beat a path to the mountain-side home of kindly 76-year-old William T. Pinney, master wood carver, who estimates that in his time he has made 10,000 chess sets.

A former master railroad machinist of Nebraska, Bill Pinney retired to his cliffside home back of Hollywood at 811 Maltman Ave. and then set to work and invented special knives and lathes to turn out his beautiful sets, which are to be found as standard equipment in practically every chess club in the country.

Always in search of excellent hardwood to make his sets, Pinney has used woods from all over the world. He once used a piece of a keel from a Chinese junk brought to this country by a movie studio and later taken to Catalina Island and sunk in a film-shooting episode.

He ages his own wood under his house and takes great pride in never selling anything but a perfectly carved set. He makes four sizes, master, club, junior club, and student, and does not wholesale them but sells directly to his chess-playing clientele, which accounts for his prices being so low.

It is difficult to say how long it takes the meticulous craftsman to make a set, since he makes all the pieces on a machine of his own invention. That is, he will make 50 Pawns at a time, then reset the machine and make 50 or 100 Knights, then reset the machine for a third piece.

tions by giving me stern advice how I should have behaved in my capacity as Chairman of the Tournament Committee ("... when you accept authority you must assume responsibility") and telling me what damage I have done in that capacity ("... you have done chess in America a disservice ...") and "... the personal disservice you have done to me ...").

Well, well—there is just a slight slip in Mr. Soudakoff's egocentric

He also makes the redwood boxes for the sets and handsome boards for each size set.

He has a novel method of weighting the pieces so that the lead can never drop out. Mrs. Pinney polishes and finishes each piece by hand. All the pieces, boards and tables are finished with spar varnish.

So far as Pinney knows, he is the only person who makes chess sets for the blind. Each piece has an identifying mark for the players to feel. The white squares on the board are raised a little higher than the black so that the players can tell where the pieces are, and each piece has a little peg to keep it from being knocked over.

Extremely hospitable to every visitor who comes to see his shop, Pinney carefully explains his methods and machinery which are relatively simple.

bombast: I never was the Chairman of the Tournament Committee, while the Chairman of that committee never had all the duties nonchalantly devolved upon him by Mr. Soudakoff. Or should he have forsaken his pride and pleaded with Mr. Soudakoff for a nod?

HANS KMOCH

Secretary of Tournament Committee

BOOST AMERICAN CHESS!
By Joining the U.S.C.F.

Chess Life In New York

By Eliot Hearst

AS if most of us don't have enough trouble mastering chess as it is now played (in two dimensions!), along comes a new three-dimensional variant of the game! This latest innovation—which has just appeared in the United States—has stirred up a great deal of interest and might well become quite popular. The inventor, Dr. Edward G. Kogbetantz, is scheduled to begin teaching a course in the new game soon at the New School for Social Research, just two blocks from the Marshall Chess Club in downtown New York. The directors of the Marshall do not as yet appear worried about this unforeseen competition, though it is likely that several "two-dimensional" club players (!?) are expected to enroll in the special course.

The \$300.00 board on which the game is played has 512 squares and 128 pieces, which occupy the third to sixth floors of the eight-story setup; the difficulty of achieving checkmate with only the usual number of men forced the inventor to fashion 4 new pieces—the super-queen, fool, hippogriff, and archbishop. As far as the mathematician-inventor Dr. Kogbetantz knows, no one has ever played the game here in America; he points out, however, that officers at the Russian West Point are required to master the fundamentals. Your reporter seems to recall a U. S. army officer who brought a tri-dimensional set down to the playing rooms at the U. S. Open in Fort Worth last summer; in fact, Isaac Kashdan seemed quite intrigued by the game. Perhaps some of our readers can refresh my memory on that point!

Certainly the innovation is of great interest to all fans of the Royal Game, and yours truly will make it his business to visit some of the classes and report to you the strange movements of these strange pieces, if he proves to have the "three-dimensional mentality" necessary for understanding the game according to Dr. Kogbetantz. At least I have had some experience with three-dimensional tic-tac-toe, if that is of any help!

IN BRIEF: Mrs. Mary Bain, U. S. Women's champion, is planning an exhibition tour, which will take her to California and back to New York in April. This is the first tour of such kind by a woman player and perhaps may do much to dispel the idea that women are the "weaker sex," chessically at least. Interested clubs can contact Mrs. Bain at the Marshall Chess Club ... Larry Evans, U. S. Champ, returned to New York recently after the completion of his very successful Eastern tour ... Leading scorers in Manhattan Chess Club championship are D. Byrne (9½-2½), Kramer (6-0), and Pavey (6-1), while at the Marshall Chess Club E. Hearst (10-2), Collins (8-4), Donovan (8-5), Sherwin (6½-4½) are the pacesetters.

For The Tournament-Minded

February 9-?

Chicago Championship Tourney
Chicago, Ill.

Chicago Chess & Checker Club will sponsor a Chicago City tourney, beginning February 9 in the club rooms, 116 S. Michigan Ave., Room 1208; round robin; \$10 entry fee with \$5 refund on completion of schedule; for entry see Mr. Charbonnier at the club.

Are You A Member?
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Chess For The Tired Business Man

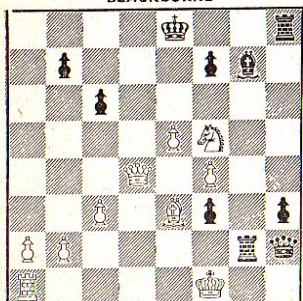
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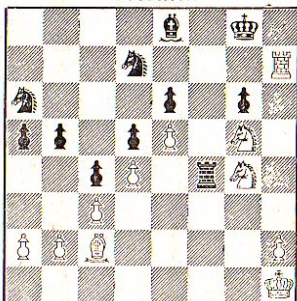
IN RECENT YEARS we have had a great many fine books on chess, dealing with almost every conceivable aspect of the game. Yet these books have neglected what is after all the primary object of a game of chess: the actual process of checkmating your opponent's King. The purpose of this book is to instruct you, the reader, in all the many ways of achieving checkmate.

Diagram No. 59
Black moves
BLACKBURN



V. ZABERN
Manchester, 1880

Diagram No. 60
White moves
BOSTWICK



JANOWSKI
New York, 1899

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MANNEY TOPS WASH SPEED

Winning his first Washington title, since moving from Arizona, O. W. Manney of Seattle took the Washington State Speed Championship 12-1, losing only to George Stearns. Second place was a tie between Glenn Muller and Ames Anders with 11-2 each. Both lost to Manney, and Muller lost also to Anders while Anders dropped a game to Dennis Chipman. Fourteen players participated in the round robin event.

HARTLEB LEADS IN MAIL EVENT

USCF Membership Secretary Glenn E. Hartleb holds a precarious lead in the special invitational correspondence tournament conducted by Morton Luebbert, Jr. with 7½-4½. Muir with 7-1 (a loss to Dr. Sturm) represents the most dangerous contender in points scored, but a number of other as yet undefeated players have opportunity of closing the gap.

Chicago Chess & Checker Club began its City League season auspiciously by downing Hyde Park Chess Club 4-2. At the same time in the club rooms the Chicago Junior Chess Team defeated Northwestern 5-0 in the collegiate section.

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CHESS LOSES TWO VETERANS

Chess has lost the services of two of its veteran supporters in the passing of H. M. Gorham of Ojai, California and E. Graham of Los Angeles. Mr. Gorham was the oldest active member of the USCF at 94, while Mr. Graham was slightly younger. Both were loyal supporters of the USCF and consistent solvers of the problems in CHES LIFE.

DIVAN AWARDS SPECIAL PRIZE

Overshadowing the prize awards to the winners in the annual Washington Chess Divan Championship was the special award given to Miss Maude A. Sewall—a retired music teacher of about 80 pounds and 80 years who has been competing in Divan events for years. Not the best player at the Divan (that home of fine players), she nevertheless through the years has always been a threat which could not be ignored or minimized.

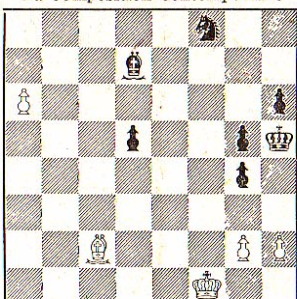
Martin C. Stark won the Championship event 4½-1½, losing to Oscar Shapiro and drawing with CHES LIFE columnist Edmund Nash. Nash was second with 4-2, losing to Richard Cantwell, and drawing with Stark and Michael Tilles. Third place went to Oscar Shapiro with a loss to Nash and draws with Tilles and Cantwell.

The Class II event was won by Errett A. Bishop 6-0, with Morton Seidelman placing second with 5-1. Class III was won by F. M. Dubois 7-0, with Mrs. Jane Stokes second with 5-2.

Wilmington (Del.) Chess Club now meets twice a week, on Thursday evenings and Saturday afternoons, at the YMCA in response to the growing interest in chess in Wilmington. Delaware State Champion Melvin Hope scored 5-3 in a simultaneous exhibition, winning four, drawing two and losing two. Lee Morris and A. E. Knight scored the wins, while W. M. Bergman II and R. D. Donaldson secured the draws.

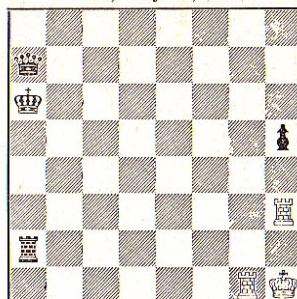
Germantown (Philadelphia) Y. M. C. A. Chess Club was host to Samuel Reshevsky on New Year's Day in a 40 board simultaneous. The grandmaster won 36 games, drawing with L. Arkless, U. S. Junior Champion Saul Wachs, Joseph Cotter (who defeated Reshevsky two years ago), and Mr. Woods.

Position No. 85
By G. Bernhardt
La Composition Contemporaine



5s2, 3b4, P6p, 3p2pk, 6p1, 8, 2B3PP, 5K2
White to play and win

Position No. 86
By A. Herbstman
Trud, July 15, 1951



8, q7, k7, 7p, 8, 7R, r7, 6RK
White to play and draw

White To Play And Win!

Conducted by William Rojiam

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TWO interesting positions are the subject of this week's study. Position No. 85 by the noted German composer Bernhardt demonstrates the win by an inferior force by a peculiar use of the restricted position of the Black King. The first two moves are rather obvious, but thereafter White's strategy is not so self-evident.

Position No. 86 by Herbstman is a very instructive study in the power of two Rooks to thwart the greater power of the Queen. The eventual position is a stalemate, but the means of creating such an end is not too apparent.

Dr. Julius Weingart of Des Moines writes regarding the Edmund Nash position (No. 84) that in the author's solution, no win is clear after Black plays 3. K-R6 in answer to White's 2. Q-K2. Dr. Weingart suggests that a more clear-cut solution would be 1. Q-K6, K-R18 (as in original solution), and then 2. Q-K2ch!, K-K13 (2. K-R5 loses the R at once); 3. Q-B2ch! and whether Black plays K-B2, K-B3 or K-K12, the White Q by Q-R2ch, Q-B6ch, or Q-B7ch respectively forces the win of the Black Rook.

For solutions, please turn to Column five.

Downtown YMCA Chess Club (Pittsburgh) elected John Hobbs president, E. A. Coons and A. B. Casilio vice-presidents, J. Glenn Waltz secretary and W. R. Hamilton treasurer. W. M. Byland became editor of the club publication, En Passant.

Y-Chess Club of York (Pa.) has inaugurated a program of promotion of junior chess with member Ed. Cannon in charge. A round dozen of junior players have been enrolled in the program.

Tri-City Chess Club (Davenport) began preliminary plans for the 28th annual Trans-Mississippi Tournament, June 7-8 at 322½ Harrison St., Davenport by election of officers. Henry Jeffrey of Rock Island was named president, while John Warren of Rock Island was named vice-president in charge of chess and Orville Bryan of Rock Island vice-president in charge of checkers. Wesley Peterson of Davenport was chosen secretary and Gust Lindburg treasurer.

U. S. INTERCOLLEGIATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Philadelphia, 1951												
1. J. Sherwin (Columbia)	W19	W11	W4	W2	W7	D5	D3	6-1	31.75			
2. E. Hearst (Columbia)	W17	W10	D3	L1	W9	W12	W5	5½-13	27.00			
3. S. Wachs (Temple)	W13	W15	D2	D5	D12	W6	D1	5-2	25.75			
4. A. Kaufman (N.Y.U.)	W12	W6	L1	L10	W20	W7	W8	5-2	23.50			
5. F. Mechner (Columbia)	W14	W21	D7	D3	W10	D1	L2	4½-23	22.00			
6. R. Sobel (Phila.)	Bye	L4	W21	D7	W8	L3	W13	4½-13	16.50			
7. H. Hickman (Haverford)	W22	W9	D5	D6	L1	L4	W20	4-3	17.50			
8. M. Rogan (Indiana)	L9	W16	W18	W15	L6	W10	L4	4-3	17.50			
9. K. Burger (Columbia)	W8	L7	L13	W21	L2	W16	W12	4-3	17.00			
10. J. Ricard (Rensselaer P.T.)	W23	L2	W19	W4	L5	L8	W18	4-3	15.50			
11. G. Rosenblum (Penn.)	W20	L1	L12	W22	L13	W19	W17	4-3	14.50			
12. K. Crittenden (N. Caro.)	L4	W14	W11	W13	D3	L2	L9	3½-33	17.00			
13. P. Schwartz (Columbia)	L3	W17	W9	D12	W11	D15	L6	3½-33	16.00			
14. J. Cotter (Penn.)	L5	L12	W17	D16	D22	D20	W15	3½-33	13.50			
15. J. Harkins (W. Reserve)	W16	L3	D20	L8	W18	D13	L14	3-4	12.00			
16. J. Gibbons (Drexel I.T.)	L15	L8	Bye	D14	D19	L9	W23	3-4	7.00			
17. G. Elmenhorst (Lafayette)	L2	L13	L14	Bye	W21	W22	L11	3-4	6.50			
18. W. Howard (Penn.)	L21	Bye	L8	W23	L15	W23	L10	3-4	6.50			
19. Winthrop Beach (Yale)	L1	W22	L10	D20	D16	L11	D21	2½-43	9.00			
20. I. Lichtenstein (Col.)	L11	W23	D15	D19	L4	D14	L7	2½-43	3.00			
21. J. Mayer (Kentucky)	W18	L5	L6	L19	L17	Bye	D15	2½-43	6.75			
22. R. Minck (Columbia)	L7	L19	W23	L11	D14	L18	Bye	2½-43	5.25			
23. W. Haines (Haverford)	L10	L20	L22	L18	Bye	L17	L16	1-6	1.00			

CORPUS CHRISTI CITY CHAMPIONSHIP												
Corpus Christi, 1951												
1. James W. Gray	.....	x	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	7-2
2. Henry E. Youngman	.....	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6½-23
3. Charles H. Fuchsman	.....	0	0	x	1	1	1	1	1	1	6½-23
4. Pablo Cortez	.....	0	0	0	x	1	1	1	1	1	6-3
5. Charles W. Blanpied	.....	1	0	0	0	x	1	0	1	1	5-4
6. David Knight	.....	0	0	0	0	0	x	1	0	1	3½-54
7. Folk Weaver	.....	1	0	0	0	1	0	x	0	1	3-6
8. James A. Creighton	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	x	0	1	3-6
9. Joseph Medina	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	x	1	2½-63
10. Sam Joseph	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	x	2-7

ALLENTOWN CITY CHAMPIONSHIP												
Allentown, 1951												
1. Thomas C. Gutekunst	x	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8-0	
2. Paul Sherr	0	1	x	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	5½-22	
3. Jack Mack	0	1	0	x	0	1	1	1	1	1	5½-22	
4. Armin Hermann	0	0	0	1	x	0	0	1	1	1	4-3	
5. Woodrow Young	0	0	1	1	x	0	1	1	1	1	4-4	
6. Daniel Pierce	0	0	0	1	1	x	0	1	1	1	3-5	
7. Rev. William Harris	0	0	0	0	0	1	x	1	1	1	2½-54	
8. Robert Rauber	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	x	1	1	1½-61	
9. William Gebhard	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	x	1½-61

WASHINGTON STATE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP										
Seattle, 1952										
1. O. W. Manney	W23	W21	W7	W2	W10	D3	5½-13	20.50		
2. Don Turner	W15	W4	W5	L1	W6	W10	5-1	24.00		
3. Leonard Sheets	W19	D16	W11	W7	W8	D1	5-1	22.00		
4. George Stearns	W6	L2	W15	W21	W5	L9	4-2	22.00		
5. Dr. Shepard	W12	W20	L2	W13	L4	W21	4-2	19.00		
6. D. A. Murray	L4	W14	W24	W12	L2	W17	4-2	18.50		
7. Charles Joachim	W26	W17	L1	L3	W18	W12	4-2	18.00		
8. D. Ward	W20	W22	W26	L10	L3	W11	4-2	15.00		
9. Floyd Hebert	L17	L18	W14	W23	W21	W4	4-2	14.50		
10. Kenneth Mulford	W24D11	W16	W8	L1	L2	3½-21	22.00			
11. Glenn Muller	W18	D10	L3	W16	W13	L8	3½-21	20.50		
12. George Swift	L5	W19	W17	L6	W15	L7	3-3	20.00		
13. Oliver LaFreniere	W14	L15	W18	L5	L1	W22	3-3	16.50		
14. Leo Thompson	L13	L6	L9	W22	W20	W19	3-3	16.00		
15. Joe Cerretelli	L2	W13	L4	W24	L12	W26	3-3	16.00		
16. James Amidon	W22	D3	L10	L11	D17	Bye	3-3	15.00		
17. F. H. Weaver 2½-33 (20.00); 18. Ted Warner 24 (17.50); 19. Dean Moore 24 (15.50); 20. Rod Dimoff 24 (15.50); 21. V. W. Weaver 24 (14.00); 22. Fred Jolly 1-5 (4.00); 23. Russell Vellias 1-5 (12.50); 24. Eli Beysman 1-5 (10.50); 25. D. Chipman 1-5 (6.00); 26. Ted Davidson 0 (0.00).										

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Alekhine's Early Chess Career

Additional Data
By A. Buschke

V. ALEKHINE IN SOVIET-LAND

THE following is the fourth and last game of the Moscow Championship Tournament, Winter 1919-20, which we have been able to locate. It is to be regretted that Pavlov-Pianov, who now, after Zubarev's recent death, seems to be the only surviving participant of that tournament did not at least publish his tournament game with Alekhine when he wrote his article "From the Past" for the July 1951 issue of "Shakhmaty v SSSR" (*).

The manuscript (in German) of the following game in our personal collection, the notes by Alekhine himself, are translated from this manuscript, and where the publication in "Schachleben in Sowjet-Russland"—where it is published, with considerably shortened notes—is different, this is noted "SL".

Alekhine's opponent in this game, Nikolai Mikhailovich Zubarev (**), born 1894, is internationally better known as team captain of the Russian teams in the matches against foreign masters after World War II than for his achievements as a practical player; he finished last (21st, with 4½ points only) in the Moscow 1925 International Tournament; his score then included draws against Tartakower, Reti and Gruenfeld, and a win against Verlinsky who had beaten Capablanca in the same tournament. His practical successes in Soviet Russia were not particularly outstanding either, although he became Champion of Moscow in 1927 and 1930; his importance in building up the chess "movement" in Soviet Russia, however, cannot be underestimated. His death (Jan. 1, 1951) was a real loss for the Russian Chess organization (see obituary in "Shakhmaty v SSSR, 1951 no. 2, p. 58).

(*) Except for the two "new" Alekhine games, Pavlov-Pianov's report on Moscow chess from 1916 to 1919 seems to be based mainly on Ilyin-Zhenevsky's chess column in the "Novyi Armiy". His only new contribution consists in an opening statement that Moscow chess life was not interrupted "even in the hard years of the civil war" and that from the chess column all through the winter a tournament consisting in the strongest Moscow chess players went on, the players meeting in private apartments, "principally in the house of the most active organizer, V. I. Nenarokov, who was also the winner of this interesting contest, followed by N. M. Zubarev and M. Z. Elyashov," while the three following places were taken by Cukierman, Grigoriev and Pavlov-Pianov. For 1918, Pavlov-Pianov's and Ilyin-Zhenevsky's reports in "Memoirs of a Soviet Master" are in accord; most of the meetings took place in the apartment of Berman (we believe this to be the collector of the Soviet chess 1923, G. D. Berman, although Pavlov-Pianov calls him "L. D. Berman." G. D. Berman, a collector of Chigorin material, seems to have emigrated to Melbourne, but no mention is made about him could be ascertained). Since Pavlov-Pianov was in Moscow all the time, we believe that his report on the activities in 1916 and 1917 is more trustworthy than Ilyin-Zhenevsky's and Alekhine's, both having no first-hand knowledge on Moscow chess life of that period.

(**) In 1945, Zubarev wrote an article "25 Years" for "Shakhmaty v SSSR" (1945 no. 3, p. 73), in which he surveys the achievements of the Soviet chess movement from its dark beginnings "before the advent of Aleksandr Federovich Ilyin-Zhenevsky in Moscow"—which he strangely also places "in 1920," contrary to Ilyin's own statements—when the Moscow "chess players gathered in private apartments simply in order to play in tournaments," and mentions that "in these conditions there was even played the first post-revolutionary championship of Moscow, in which N. I. Grekov conquered the Champion title"—without a word about Alekhine's participation, even if only "hors de concours."

Solutions:

White to Play and Win

Position No. 85: 1. P-R7, B-B3; 2. B-R4; B-R1; 3. B-K3ch; Kt-K13; 4. P-K13 and wins by the White King going to Kt-B1.

Position No. 86: 1. R-K6ch, K-K4; 2. R-K5ch; K-B5; 3. R-R4ch; K-Q6 (if 3. Q-Q4; 4. R-K5ch, K-K3; 5. R-R6ch, K-B2; 6. R-R7ch draws); 4. R-K13ch, K-K7; 5. R-R2ch, K-B8; 6. R-R8, Q-R2ch (on 6. Qx7, 7. R-K6ch, K-B8; 8. R-R2ch, K-B8; 9. R-R2ch, Qx7; 10. R-B2ch and draws).

QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED Exhibition Game Los Angeles, 1951

Notes by J. E. Howarth

White Black
1. KASHDAN L. PRINS
2. P-Q4 Kt-KB3 3. Kt-QB3 P-Q4
4. P-QB4 Kt-K3 4. Kt-B3 B-K15
The so-called Russian System. However, and according to the late American master, Frank J. Marshall, this line was played by himself and others long before the Russian master decided it was good.
5. B-K15
After 5., Kt-B3; 6. P-K3, O-O; 7. B-Q2, Black submits to no weakness with 7., P-K3; 8. P-Q3, QxQ; 9. B-Q2, BxP; 10. B-Q3 followed by 11. P-K4!
6. P-K4
Or 3., P-B3; 6. P-K3, Kt-P3; 7. Q-Kt3, B-K3; 8. P-Q3, Q-K13; 9. B-Q3, QxQ; 10. P-Q3, P-QR4, etc., even game (R. Fine).
6. P-K4
On 6. P-K3, Black gets a strong attack after 6., P-K4; 7. P-QR4, P-B3; 8. B-K2, B-K12; 9. O-O, P-QR3 with Black holding an edge. While if 6. Q-R4 ch, Kt-B3; 7. P-K4, B-Q2; 8. B-Q2, B-K12; 9. BxP, B-K12; 10. BxP which favors White, but instead 9., Kt-QR4; 10. Kt-K4, BxKt; 11. B-K2, Kt-K2; 12. Kt-K4, BxKt; 13. B-K4, BxP; 14. P-QR4, P-QB3 and Black ends slightly better.
6. P-K3
Whether or not this is an improvement on 6., P-B4 remains to be seen. After 6., P-B4; 7. BxP, 2xP; 8. Kt-P3, Q-B2; 9. Q-R4 ch, Kt-B3; 10. Bx Kt, PxB; 11. B-K5, B-Q2; 12. BxKt, Bx Kt ch; 13. PxB and now Black avoids unclear complications with 13., BxP and if then 14. B-Q4, R-QP1 with equality.
7. BxKt QxB 9. O-O Kt-B3
8. BxP O-O
This position merits study. Nine moves have been made and still Black's QBP has not moved. All other things considered, this could be the "drawback" to an otherwise adequate defense. Instead of the text, which restricts Black's position on the Q-side, 9., Kt-Q2 and the possibility of an attack on the Q-side may offset the White formation in the center.
10. P-K5 Kt-Q2 11. Q-K2
White is looking toward an attack on the K-side.
11., P-QK13
Black is thinking of consolidating his rather weak Q-side position.
12. Q-K4 B-K12 13. B-Q3 P-B4
The threat must be parried either by the text or 13., P-K3. Since Black has already his QB at Kt12, his purpose is to direct his attack against White's stronghold. This seems logical enough., however, it does seem that 13., P-K3 could offer a better protection bulwark against the white forces.
14. PxP e.p. PxP
On 14., QxP; 15. Q-R7 ch, K-B2; 16. Kt-K4 and Black's position will soon become untenable.
15. Q-R4 Q-K12 18. Kt-R5 B-Q2
16. Kt-K4 Q-R1 19. B-B4
17. Kt-K13 P-B4
Black's position has been penetrated and sooner or later the results of White's forceful play will leave him in complete control of all the territory.
19., K-R1
After 19., Kt-B
RICARD

20. Kt-B4 Q-B3 21. KtXP
With initiative, he'll take it the way he wants!

ROGAN

SACRAMENTO CITY QUALIFYING TOURNEY Sacramento, 1951

1. J. B. Gee	.....	W11	W4	D2	W3	W5	43-3	18.50
2. M. O. Meyer	.....	W13	W15	D1	W10	W4	43-3	13.50
3. Ray Richards	.....	W14	W8	W5	L1	W9	4-1	10.50
4. R. E. Russell	.....	W10	L1	W6	W8	L2	3-2	9.00
5. S. G. Johnson	.....	W6	W12	L3	W9	L1	3-2	8.50
6. F. Roman	.....	L5	W11	L4	W12	W8	3-2	5.00
7. S. Spaulding	.....	L8	W13	L9	W11	W10	3-2	2.00
8. R. Stagg	2-3 (2.00); 9. W. Allen	2-3 (1.00); 10. R. McDonald	2-3 (1.50); 11. R. Gray	2-3 (1.50); 12. J. Hardy	2-3 (3.00); 13. J. Hastings	1-4 (7.50); 14. E. Horton	0-5 (14.00); 15. N. T. Austin	(withdraw after second round).

Solutions: Mate the Subtle Way!
No. 295 (Bakos): 1. B-R2. A fine first attempt, with a quiet keymove and good tries by 1. Q-R8 and 1. QxKt.
No. 296 (May): 1. R-B3, with odd strategy in the defense 1., Kt-B5.
No. 297 (Major and Eaton): 1. P-Q4, featuring unpins of the White Queen after 1., P-Q3, P-K4, and R-K4.
998 (Kassner): 1. R-Q1, threat: 2. B-B3 ch. If 1., P-K10(Kt); 2. RxKt. Before the key White has "set" continuation against a Black defense: if 1., KtP moves: 2. R-R7 or if 1., P-K10(Q); 2. RxQ. White cannot preserve the status quo, however., A number of solvers felt for the try 1. R-QK1, defeated by 1., P-K14, and if 2. RxP, stalemate!

SOLVERS' LADDER
(Two points for two-movers; four points for three-movers. Extra credit for correct claims of "cooks," i.e., valid solutions not intended by the composers. This tally covers solutions for problems in the January 5 issue received up to the time we went to press. Late solutions will be credited on the next Ladder.)
F. A. Hollway 228 Dr. E. Kassner 152 E. Narrowway 96 Jim Dunphy, Jr. 40
G. Mutaugh 220 M. A. Michaels 142 P. H. Hunsicker 68 C. W. Cox 32
R. Mitchell 206 J. H. France 136 J. Kaufman 68 C. J. Koch 30
Rev. Chadley 200 Y. V. Oganessov 130 D. W. Arvey, Jr. 56 E. Weatherford 30
R. O'Neil 200 Joe Petty 126 Dr. M. Erman 50 Otto L. Neal 24
J. E. Lucas 200 George Smith 124 G. M. Banker 48 Kenneth Lay 20
Nicholas Yoe 180 R. E. Baxter 116 R. M. Collins 48 I. Lichtenstein 26
E. Onyschuk 164 J. Bolton 116 Irving Bizar 42 A. L. Welsh 10
H. C. Tonak 162 E. Graham 106 L. M. Brown 40 R. A. Skeris 6

VIENNA GAME Midwest Open Championship No. Platte, 1951

Notes by K. Nedved

White Black
J. SPENCE P. JOHNSON
1. P-K4 P-K4 3. B-B4 B-B4
2. Kt-QB3 Kt-KB3 4. P-Q3 P-KR3
This loss of time should leave Black with a badly passive game.
5. P-B4 P-Q3 7. B-K15? 6. Kt-B3 Kt-B3
As a true gentleman White returns the tempo. Proper is Kt-QR4 according to that advocate of the threadbare Vienna, Weaver Adams.
7., B-Q2 8. BxKt
White goes after a 1., BxP 8. BxP 10. K-K2
9. PxB PxB
Did White decide that 10. KtP would lose a piece for Q-K3? Or did he consider that after 10. KtP? Q-Q5; 11. Kt-K4; KtKt; 12. QxKt, Q-B7 ch; 13. K-Q1 his game was not worth the P? Many a man has sold his soul for less than a smidgen of loot.
10., Q-K2 12. Kt-Q1
The critical position. It is essentially equal. White has retained the option of castling, has slightly better placed minor pieces, and a preferable P position. Black has the B pair and the edge in development. Black must open up the position to force a castling declaration from White. A procedure such as Kt-Q2, P-KK3, and P-KB4 seems to fulfill this need. However, while White goes directly about his business, Black produces an extraordinary delirious in his own defense by a protracted session of pussyfooting.
12., B-Q2 14. P-QR3 P-B3? 13. Kt-K3 P-KK13
Unnecessary.
15. P-K14 BxKt
After spending two P moves to restrict the Kt, Black removes it with his best piece.
16. BxB P-K13? This completely tangles his protective P cover. Kt-K1 is usual.
17. P-B3 Kt-K2
Something to while away the time.
18. P-QR4 Kt-K7

After 18., Kt-K1? JOHNSON

Black has finally produced the necessary abasement of his game. He has retreated with his pieces and attacked with his K. White's culmination is the natural and proper.
19. KtP QxKt 22. O-O Q-B1
20. B-Q4 Q-K2 23. BxP
21. BxR P-B3
This tactical sequence ends the game, but even without the win of material, Black's K would have soon been stripped of protection.
23., KtBx 25. RxKt Resigns
24. P-K5 RxR
For if 25., QxR; 26. PxQ, RxQ; 27. P-B7 wins the R.

Chicago Chess & Checker Club has started its annual club championship with a special prize of \$10.00 for the best played game, donated by Lewis J. Isaacs. The club holds a rapid transit event weekly, on Saturday nights.

FRENCH DEFENSE U. S. Intercollegiate Championship Philadelphia, 1951

Notes by R. Sobel and J. Cotter

White Black
R. SOBEL P. SCHWARTZ
(Philadelphia) (Columbia)
1. P-K4 P-K3 4. KtP Q-K1-Q2
2. P-Q3 P-Q4 5. Kt-KB3 Kt-K1-B3
3. Kt-Q2 PxP 6. Kt-K3
Inferior to either 6. KtKt ch or 6. B-Q3, but I was playing to avoid wholesale exchanges of pieces and to take my opponent out of "the book." (Sobel).
6., B-K2 8. Q-K2 P-B4
7. B-Q3 O-O 9. B-KK15 B-Q2? Correct was 9., PxB and if 10. KtP, Kt-B4; 11. O-O?; Q-R4 with Black for choice. However, 9., PxB Sobel intended 10. O-O when White will undoubtedly recover the P, but with 10., Q-Kt3 Black gets a perfectly good game.
10. O-O P-QK13 11. P-Q5! KtP
If instead 11., PxB, then 12. QxB, R-K1; 13. BxKt, RxQ; 14. BxR and White has more than enough for the Q. On 11., P-K4; 12. Kt-B5 is powerful.
12. BxB KtBx 14. QxR B-R3? 13. Q-K4 Kt-B3
An unfortunate lapse for which we must, however, thank Schwartz as it shortly permits Sobel to win the game with a truly magnificent combination. Correct was 14., B-K12; 15. QxP, R-R1; 16. QxR, BxQ with a minimal edge for White because of the two Rs for the Q. Note that 14., B-Q2 fails because of 15. BxP ch, Kt-B3; 16. Q-K4. 15. QxR ch KxQ 17. QxR1 Kt-QK15 16. BxB Kt-Q2 18. B-B4 Q-B5
On, KtP; 19. P-Q13 and the Kt is in trouble. Black correctly and consistently plays for a K-side onslaught before the mobility of the White Rs begins to tell.
19. B-K13 P-KK14
Not., P-B5?; 20. R-Q4.
20. KR-K1 Kt-B3 22. B-K1 Kt-K2
21. Kt-K2 Q-B4 23. Kt-K13!
Seemingly an invitation to a repetition of moves, the text is actually the first move of a combination in the "grand manner."
23., KtR7; 25. R-Q8 ch, K-K12 and 26. Kt-R5 ch.
25. Kt-R5 P-K14
The R is obviously taboo and on any other move 26. Kt-Q7 ch simplifies to an easy win.
26. Kt-R5!
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26., Kt(Q)-Q4
Or,, Kt(Q)-K1; 27. R-Q7, KtKt; 28. RxP ch, K-K1; 29. R-B8 ch, KxR; 30. Kt-Q7 ch with an easy win.
27. RxKt! Resigns
What a pity! The reader is almost deprived of the charming finish 27., PxR; 28. KtKt, Q-K12 (best); 29. Kt(Q)-Q7 ch, K-K12; 30. R-K3; PxB; 31. R-K10 ch, K-R3; 32. P-KR4, PxB (forced); 33. Kt-K14 ch, K-R4; 34. Kt(Q)-B6 mate. The winning combination is reminiscent of Alekhine.

QUEEN'S PAWN GAME Tennessee Open Championship Oak Ridge, 1951

Notes by Robert R. Coveyou

White Black
B. WADE L. C. NODERER
1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3 7. P-K3 B-B1
2. P-QB4 P-K3 8. Kt-B3 P-K4
3. Kt-QB3 B-K15 9. P-Q5 Kt-K1
4. Q-B2 Kt-B3 10. P-KK15 P-KK13!
5. P-K3 O-O
6. B-Q3 R-K1
7. P-Q3 P-Q3 14. R-QK1 PxP
8. O-O Kt-R4 15. PxB B-K15? 13. P-QK1 P-QR4 16. P-B3? B-Q2
The threat of P-KR3 forces White's next weakening move, and gives Black much the better of things. Better was 16. P-KR3, B-Q2; 17. B-K3.
17. P-KK1 Kt-K12 19. Kt-R3
18. B-K3 B-K2
At least stubborn was 19. Q-Q2.
19., P-KR4 22. Kt-K12 Kt-K11
20. Q-KK12 B-R5! 23. P-B5
21. R-R1 Kt-R3
Perhaps 23. Kt-QB3, to see how Black will continue
23., P-R6 25. PxKtP Q-B1
And now, due to Black's fine 20th move, the KKtP is indefensible. Hence the following desperate diversion.
26. B-QB1! Resigns

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After 26. B-QB1? NODERER

26., BxP! 28. Q-Q2 Q-K15 ch
27. BxR BxKt
Black would have had an irresistible attack after 28., Kt-R4. The text is weaker, but still sufficient.
29. K-R1 Kt-R4 32. R-Q2 Kt-Q2
30. K-Q2 Kt-B5 33. B-K15 R-R1
31. QxQ BxQ
This is certainly adequate, but 33., B-B6 ch; 34. K-K11, Kt-B3!; 35. BxR, Kt-K15! seems to win brilliantly, mate being unavoidable.
34. BxKt B-B6ch 36. PxB PxP
35. Kt-K1 RxB 37. R-QB1? But his position is hopeless anyhow.
38. Kt-K7 ch 40. R-K13 B-B6
39. BxKt BxR 41. Kt-K15 R-R7
39. Kt-B3 B-KK14 42. B-R3 B-Q7
Winning at least the Exchange.
43. K-B2
For if 43. R-K11, B-K6 ch; 44. K-B1, B-K7 ch; 45. K-K1, P-Q6!; 46. Q-Q1; B-B7 mate.
43., BxRch 46. B-B8 BxP
44. QxQB R-B7? 45. BxRch and Black wins.
45. K-K3 RxR

ALBIN COUNTER GAMBIT Washington State Championship Seattle, 1951

Notes by G. Muller and D. Wade from Washington Chess Letter

White Black
C. ENZ D. ALLEN
1. P-Q4 P-Q4 3. PxB P-Q5
2. P-QB4 P-K4 4. Kt-K3
Development is most important when playing the receiving end of a gambit. For the benefit of those unfamiliar with the Albin, the move P-K3 in this position will lose.
4., P-QB4 5. P-KK13
PCO recommends P-K3 here. The line chosen by Enz is the most equally good as one can hardly do wrong seeking a safe and solid development when faced with a gambit attack.
5., P-KR3? Probably better is Kt-QB3 as rapid development is essential to Black here.
6. B-K12 Kt-QB3 8. P-K3
7. O-O Kt-K2
Now that the K is secure, White makes the freeing move.
8., Q-K13? Black decides to keep his advanced center P and forces the following exchange making a passed P. The move turns out badly however as the Q is able to take small part in the remaining game. A question arises, however, as to whether a better move by Black at his 13th turn might have justified the above play. At this point Black could have regained his P by Kt-K13 with B-K15 coming.
9. PxB PxP 12. R-K1 B-KK15
10. P-QR3 P-QR4 13. Q-B2 R-Q1? B-K2, or even O-O-O, is preferable here. White takes immediate and decisive advantage of Black's K's exposed position.
14. Kt-K4 B-K3
This retreat appears forced and is therefore the first indication that all is not well in Black's camp. Should he try instead Kt-K1? 15. KtKt, KtKt; 16. P-B5, Q-B2; 17. B-B4, P-B5; 18. BxKt, PxB; 19. Kt-Q6 ch, BxKt; 20. Q-K16 ch, B-Q2; 21. QxB4 and Black has no satisfactory moves. If 21., BxP; 22. RxB, B-K2; 23. QxK1, R-Q2 other moves are equally hopeless; 24. B-R3, B-B2; 25. RxB ch, winning the Band Q for two Rs because of 26. Q-B3 mate.
On 14., BxKt, White will reply with Kt-Q6 ch. It takes more than average ability to recognize the necessity of retreat in a position as involved as the text, but it is too late to rescue this game against White's brilliant play.
15. P-B5 Q-R2 17. KxB Kt-B1
16. Kt-Q6ch BxKt
Forced, since White threatens RxB followed by Kt-Q6. K-Q2 is met by RxB also, since if Black tries KxR, 18. B-R3 is followed by mate.
18. Kt-R4 R-Q2 20. KtP! PxKt
19. P-B4 P-KK13 21. RxBch! Resigns

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22. P-B5 KtR7 28. P-Q8(Q) P-Q6ch
23. PxKtch Kt-K12 29. K-R1 Q-Q5
24. PxR Kt-K4 30. Q-R8ch K-K4
25. Q-Q2 QxP 31. Q-R4ch QxQ
26. QxPch! RxQ 32. PxQch KxP
27. BxRch KxB 33. R-Q1 Resigns

What's The Best Move? By Guilherme Groesser

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TAMPA LAYS PLANS EARLY

CHESS THRIVES AT BORGER, TEX.

The Tri-City Chess Club at Borger (Tex.) as the result of excellent local newspaper publicity finds chess thriving in Hutchinson County. A part of the program was directed toward teaching chess to high school students, and a large response was received from the students of the Borger and Phillips High Schools. The enthusiasm for chess spread some fifty miles southwest to Amarillo where the inactive Amarillo Club suddenly came to life, and team matches are in prospect.

Election of officers for the new year saw Dr. Andries Voet become president, O. D. Thompson, Jr. treasurer, and Francis E. Condon secretary. The last was formerly secretary of the Oklahoma Chess Ass'n. Among the by-laws adopted was the provision that members electing to become USCF members (including membership in Texas Chess Ass'n) would pay \$1.00 per year club dues as against \$3.00 annual dues for other members.

MEKUS TRIUMPHS AT JAMESTOWN

By winning three straight games in a play-off match with Helge Bergquist, Robert Mekus became Champion of Jamestown, N.Y. The match was made necessary when both players finished in a tie for first in the City Championship event with scores of 8½-3½. Play was very even throughout the tournament with both leaders losing three games. Bergquist set a strong pace in the early rounds, but Mekus rallied and forced the event into a tie by defeating his rival in the final game.

SWEENEY TOPS HUDSON CO. MEET

Sweeney High school won the Paul Helbig Trophy and the Hudson County Interscholastic League title with a 6-0 match score and 8-2 in games, conceding one game each to Demarest and Memorial. Second place went to Demarest High with 4-2 match score, while newcomer Weehawken High placed third with 1½-4½. Sweeney, Memorial and Demarest have now each held the Trophy twice.

F.I.D.E. TITLES

INDEPENDENT of the National Ratings System, with which they should not be confused, are the honorary titles of International Grandmaster, International Master, International Woman Master and International Judge. These titles are conferred by the World Chess Federation (FIDE) for outstanding performance in international chess events. The following are the holders of various FIDE honors, residing in the Americas:

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INTERNATIONAL JUDGES

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*Posthumous award at FIDE General Assembly at Venice, 1951.

WOMAN CHAMP. IN FIRST TOUR

U. S. Woman's Champion Mary Bain plans the first transcontinental tour ever given by a woman champion in the USA, pausing en route to give simultaneous exhibitions. Mrs. Bain will leave New York in the middle of April and head toward California, her ultimate objective.

The new U. S. Woman's Champion is very adept in simultaneous play and the novelty of the performance should appeal to many chess clubs who will find to their possible surprise that women chess players, as represented by Mrs. Bain, do not form the "weaker" sex. Clubs interested in contacting Mrs. Bain for engagements may address her in care of the Marshall Chess Club, 23 West Tenth Street, New York City. Her fee for an appearance is a modest \$40.00 per engagement.

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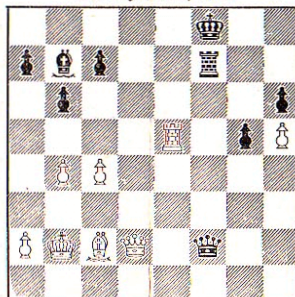
February 2 was the occasion of the largest Penna. vs. New Jersey chess match ever to take place, when the Log Cabin Chess Club, captained by Edgar McCormick met head-on with a Philadelphia force organized by Jos. Cotter. When the smoke of battle had cleared away the invaders had been routed by a score of 21½-5½ by the combined forces of the North City Chess Club and the Philadelphia Rifle Club. The first five boards for Philadelphia consisting of Wachs, Morris, Winkelman, Hickman and Shaffer, all turned in impressive wins and the lower boards also acquitted themselves nobly.

CCLA ELECTS MERRITT HEAD

The Correspondence Chess League of America elected Clark Merritt of San Marino, Calif. as president to succeed Major J. B. Holt. W. M. Spackman of Boulder, Colo., and E. N. Anderson of Owasso, Okla. were reelected 1st and 2nd vice-presidents respectively and James R. Campbell of Hot Springs, Ark. was reelected treasurer.

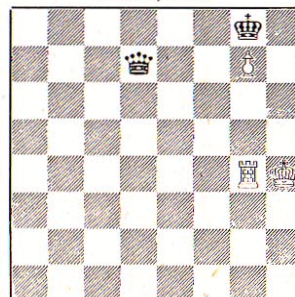
Major J. B. Holt of Long Beach, Fla., Dr. I. Farber of Bronx, N. Y. and Carl Weber of Salina, Kans. were chosen as new directors.

Position No. 75
Weissgerber vs. Rellstab
Bad Pyrmont, 1933



5k2, bpb2r2, 1p5p, 4R1pP, 1PP5, 8, PKBQ1q2, 8
White to play and win

Position No. 76
Jaszczuk vs. Gniot
Poland, 1949



6k1, 3q2P1, 8, 8, 6RK, 8, 8, 8
Black to play and win

Finish It The Clever Way!

Conducted by Edmund Nash

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I ENJOYED finding the mate in five in Position No. 75 which is one of nine mate positions which appeared in the January 1952 number of the British magazine CHESS. This interesting page of nine winning positions appears each month.

In the apparently drawn Position No. 76, Black by relentlessly careful maneuvering won the pawn and the game. The position is taken from a stray copy of the Polish magazine SZACHY (Jan-Feb, 1950) that came my way by chance.

For solutions, please turn to Page four.

With The Chess Clubs

Decatur (Ill.) Chess Club lost a match 4-2 to the University of Illinois, although Decatur champion H. E. Myers bested Paul Poschel on board one. J. Hartley scored the other Decatur victory, while Illinois points were garnered by J. Bajorek, D. Fischheimer, H. Hart, and R. Belson.

Staten Island (N.Y.) Chess Club completed its club championship with the honors going to David Eisen with 11-0. Second place went to Benjamin Sigel with 8½-2½, while Perry Schoepel was third with 7½-3½. Defending Champion Joseph Cotorelo tied for fourth with Ken Tommy at 6½-4½ each.

Y-Chess Club of York (Pa.) continued its successful record of team victories with 4½-½ triumph over Gettysburg College. Scoring for York were Gabriele, Thomas, Avila and Bortner, while Allen was held to a draw by Segner of Gettysburg. Earlier York bested Mount Saint Mary's College 5-1 with Gabriele, Guthridge, Allen, Thomas and Bortner scoring, while P. Jasper tallied the lone win for Mount Saint Mary's.

Rhode Island State Chess Club is the new name of the Reformatory Chess Club at Howard, R. I.—an organization that grew out of the encouragement given to it by the Howard Chess Club of the Rhode Island State Prison. Gifts to the club in books and material came from Warden William C. Kindelan, who contributed chess sets, USCF Membership Secretary Glenn E. Hartleb and CHESS LIFE annotator John Ed Howarth, who contributed books, and Problem Composer William J. Couture, who donated membership in correspondence chess organizations to three Reformatory players.

Salt Lake City YMCA Chess Club (Utah) was host to Sammy Reshevsky for a simultaneous exhibition in which the former U.S. Champion scored 44 wins and 3 draws, conceding the half-points to Utah State Champion Philip Neff, Irvin W. Taylor and Sam Teitelbaum. Reshevsky also played a blindfold game at 15 seconds per move against Gaston Chappuis, scoring the victory with a beautiful and rapid combination that caught the spectators by surprise.

Yale & Towne (Philadelphia) Chess Club saw Morton Rappaport triumph in the club championship—a 5 round Swiss—with 4½-½, drawing with Frank Bennett. Otto Neitzschmann was second with 4-1, losing to Rappaport, and Bennett was third on S-B points with 3½-1½. Fourth and fifth with equal 3½-1½ scores on S-B points were John Shemeld and William Turner in the 14 player event directed by Walter Hall.

Palo Alto (California) Chess Club found Richard Mathews victor in the club championship with 27-5, closely followed by Edmund T. Dana with 26½-5½. Carl Erickson with 23-9 was third in the 17 player double round robin event, while Frank Morsman with 21½-10½ was fourth.

Sacramento (Calif.) Chess Club elected Sam Johnson president, R. E. Russell vice-president and J. B. Gee secretary-treasurer. Among items of business transacted was the resolution to send the USCF a check for \$15.00 as a contribution to chess promotion in the USA. The club publication "Sacramento Chess News" is celebrating its third birthday, a respectable age for a club publication.

COLOR IN PLANS FOR U. S. OPEN

Plans for the U.S. Open Championship in Tampa this summer promise a very colorful event according to announcements by James B. Gibson, Jr., chairman of the local tournament committee. Among the plans are a program for attracting players from Europe and Latin America to the event. Contact with European players has been made the task of Major J. B. Holt of Sarasota, while Arthur Montano of Tampa has been entrusted with the task of contacting players in Latin America, particularly Puerto Rico, Cuba and Mexico.

Among other plans there is also a program of endeavoring to bring to this Open Championship a number of the strong American players who have missed more recent events for one reason or another.

The finance committee is already busily at work with a minimum goal of \$2,000.00 to be raised for the tournament. Contributions to this tournament fund will be welcomed from chess players all over the USA and contributions should be sent to: Eli Solomon, general treasurer, 822 Franklin Street, Tampa, Fla.

BALTIC MENACE INCREASES DAILY

The menace of the Baltic group to chess titles throughout the world seems to increase rather than diminish. Following close on the heels of the victory of Povilas Vaitonis in Canada comes the news, through editor Kazys Merkis of the Lithuanian language paper in Boston, that the Championship of New Zealand has been won by an Estonian newcomer, Sarapim with 10½-½, drawing his final game with defending champion D. J. Lynch who finished second with 7½-3½, while A. E. Turner was third with 7-4.

PAYNE CAPTURES LEXINGTON CITY

Fred R. Payne triumphed in the Lexington (Ky.) City Championship with 4-1 score, drawing with E. S. Dabney and S. S. Ringo, but winning a playoff against A. Dudley 2-0. Dudley was second, also with 4-1, losing a game to W. N. Weevins.

In the Fayette County Championship the victory went to Jackie Mayer of Louisville, a student at the University of Kentucky, with 1½-½, drawing with E. L. Porter of Georgetown.

The victors, Payne and Mayer, played a match for the championship of the Lexington Chess Club which resulted in a 2-2 draw. Mayer is a CHESS LIFE annotator.

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SPEAKING OF INTOLERANCE

IT HAS been brought to our attention by that Don Quixote of the Pacific Coast, Charles Edward Gray, that another incident of racial intolerance has occurred—this time in Chicago. It is Mr. Gray's thesis, speaking for the Cosmopolitan Chess Club of Los Angeles of which he is president, that the offenders if they are not boiled in oil should at least be made to realize that they are "moral pariahs" in the world of chess.

While any case of racial intolerance or discrimination is deplorable, a little sanity and reason must govern our views concerning such incidents, and CHESS LIFE feels that Mr. Gray's attitude is quite as intolerant as that of the Chicago group of which Mr. Gray complains.

The incident occurred, according to Mr. Gray, when a Mr. Raymond McGill, a negro player of Chicago, applied for membership in the Chicago Chess and Checker Club. According to his narrative, he was first asked "What did you say?" several times, and when he persisted, was told that he must file a written application for membership, while his proffering in cash of the membership dues was rejected. Mr. McGill's complaint is that he has seen other applicants for membership accepted on the spur of the moment upon payment of dues without any formality of a written application. CHESS LIFE has requested a denial or verification of this statement from the Chicago Chess & Checker Club, but has not had the courtesy of a response. The failure to deny the allegations indicates that Mr. McGill's version, as reported by Mr. Gray, must be accepted as essentially correct.

The Federation has recognized two essential facts that must be considered in dealing with any incident of racial discrimination. First, progress in racial tolerance cannot outstep the legal requirements of a situation; second, there is a distinct difference between a purely formal contest and a social group.

For example, where there are definite local ordinances forbidding the participation of negroes and caucasians together in any activity (whether such local ordinances are actually constitutional or not), it cannot be expected that local organization will defy the local law. Chess cannot override local prejudice but must await the liberalizing of local opinion.

Likewise, in communities where no local ordinances of segregation forbid the commingling of various races, there remains the inalienable right of any social group to restrict its membership according to the wishes of the group.

We may not commend a group for a narrow and prejudiced outlook upon the matter of social intercourse; but we cannot deny the right.

To CHESS LIFE it seems obvious that a tournament for a city, state or regional title is not a social endeavor but a contest. Therefore, except where local laws forbid it, discrimination against any individual on account of race, creed or color is a displaceable incident of bigotry which should earn the contempt it merits.

But membership in a chess club is a quasi-social activity, and the right of a club to set its requirements as it pleases cannot be denied.

Therefore, while CHESS LIFE feels it is deplorable that the Chicago Chess & Checker Club should base its membership requirement upon race, CHESS LIFE feels that it is fully within its right to show this element of bigotry. And in condemning the Chicago Chess & Checker Club, one must remember that as a club it has only shown discrimination in the matter of its own membership, for the Chicago Chess & Checker Club has consistently played in the Chicago Chess League against the all-negro Metropolitan Chess Club, nor has it denied this negro club use of its own club quarters in league matches.

We do not believe, either, that Mr. McGill has particularly benefited his own race by making an issue of his rejection. Our own feeling is that a sense of pride would keep us from thrusting ourselves into company where we are obviously unwelcome, although we might feel that this unfriendliness was definitely a symbol of bigotry. Racial tolerance will come in time; it is as inevitable as the tides. But it is a slow process, and it cannot be hurried by thoughtless insistence.

There will come an age when a chess club that refuses membership to any player on the basis of race, creed or color will become a "moral pariah" (in Mr. Gray's phrasology), but that time has not arrived as yet. And any insistent attempt to force the issue before the time is ripe, will merely result in a hardening of hearts and a forging of determination among the old guard to delay that moment as long as is humanly possible. There must be a little tolerance on both sides. The negro must be tolerant of the caucasian's traditional prejudice and win, rather than attempt to force, the change.

Montgomery Major

There is Magic in the creative faculty such as great poets and philosophers conspicuously possess, and equally in the creative chessmaster.
—Emanuel Lasker—Book of the World Championship Match, 1934

Mate The Subtle Way!

by Vincent L. Eaton

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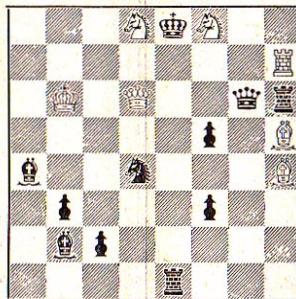
Problem No. 307

By R. Buchner

First Prize, II Problema

1932

Black: 11 men



White: 7 men
3KS2, 7R, 1K1Q2P, 5p1B, b2s3B,
1p3p2, 1b5, 4f3
White mates in two moves

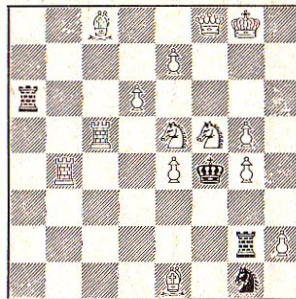
Problem No. 308

By J. Szogyi

Third Prize, British Chess Fed.

1934

Black: 4 men



White: 14 men
2B2QK1, 4p3, 2P4, 2R1SSP1, 1R2PKP1,
8, 6rP, 4B1s1
White mates in two moves

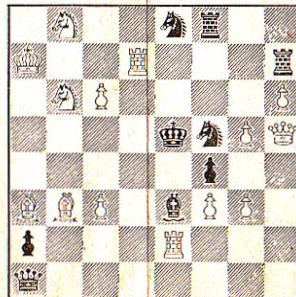
Problem No. 309

By Karl Hasenzahl

Frankenthal, Germany

First Publication

Black: 9 men



White: 14 men
1S2sr2, K2R3r, 1SP4P, 4ksPQ, 5p2,
BBP1bPP1, p3R3, q7
White mates in two moves

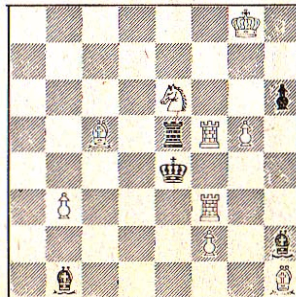
Problem No. 310

By J. Juchli

Schweizerische Schachzeitung

1905

Black: 5 men



White: 9 men
6K1, 8, 4S2p, 2B1rRP1, 4k3, 1P3R2,
5P1b, 1b5B
White mates in three moves

The Reader's Road To Chess

By Kester Svendsen

THE WORLD'S GREAT CHESS GAMES. Edited by Dr. Reuben Fine. New York: Crown Publishers, \$4. Pp. vi, 287; numerous diags.

THE great games of chess have been combed over pretty often lately. Wellmuth, Reinfeld, Wenman, and others have issued anthologies of famous encounters. Yet there is always room for another, particularly if the notes are good and the introduction original. So it is with this book.

Grandmaster Fine has organized these beauties according to the "ages" or periods of chess, subscribing, apparently, to Carlyle's conception of history as the essence of innumerable biographies. After samples from Philidor, Staunton, and Anderssen, he launches into The Age of Morphy, which includes H. E. Bird. Then successively he describes the Ages of Steinitz (Zukertort, Blackburne, Tchigorin, for example), of Lasker (Tarrasch, Rubinstein, Marshall), of Capablanca (Reti, Nimzovitch, Spielmann), of Alekhine (Bogoljubow, Kashdan, Thomas), of Euwe (Reshevsky, Keres, Koltanowski), of Botvinnik (Najdorf, Gligoric, Evans). In each section he offers a brief historical and analytical introduction, rather full headnotes on the players (nearly seventy in all), lightly annotated games, and striking combinations.

The treatment of Morphy is typical of the book's content and approach. Three pages supply the chief biographical facts, a very reasonable mitigation of the Morphy myth, and a short but cogent analysis of his style. The games given in full are the inevitable opera box game (Marriage of Figaro, says Fine; others say Barber of Seville), the Paulsen game of 1857, the ninth game of the match with Anderssen. The extra combinations, with diagrams, are Schulten-Morphy, New York 1858; Morphy-Marache, New York 1857; and Baucher-Morphy, unidentified. Among the moderns, for Marshall we have three games and six "snapshots"; for Keres three and two; for Colle, only his 1926 brilliancy against Gruenfeld.

Where Dr. Fine knows the men personally or has played them, there are sometimes sidelights: his visit to Sultan Khan's maharajah master, to whom Khan was a serf; Alekhine's crushing the ball in anger when he lost at ping-pong; Spielmann's refusal to stay on in Russia because he could not stand the beer. His notes have nothing of the richness found in The World's Chessboard or his "Game of Month" series; but they are adequate to the scope of the book. The faults of the book are two, for only one of which the editor can be considered responsible. This is the omission of first names or initials in the game scores. The other must be charged to the publisher: there are no indexes of openings or players nor any numbering of games. The usefulness and to some extent the pleasure of the collection are thus diminished; indexes are not mere conveniences.

Fine's own games are too little known. Here is his win from Botvinnik, AVRO 1938, one of three given in this collection.

White: Reuben Fine, Black: M. M. Botvinnik. 1. P-K4, P-K3; 2. P-Q4, P-Q3; 3. K1-QB3, B-K15; 4. P-K5, P-QB4; 5. PXP1, K1-K2; 6. K1-B3, Q-K1-B3; 7. B-Q5; 8. P-QR3, B-R4; 9. P-QK4, K1xK1P; 10. P-K1, BxP; 11. B-K15ch, K1-B3; 12. BxK1ch, PxB; 13. R-R4, BxK1ch; 14. B-Q2, P-B3; 15. O-O, O-O; 16. BxB, PxR; 17. Q-K1, P-QR4; 18. QxP, B-R3; 19. KR-R1, B-K4; 20. R-Q4, Q-K2; 21. R-Q6, P-R5; 22. Q-K3, R-R2; 23. K1-Q1, P-R6; 24. P-QB4, B-R5; 25. PxP, QxP; 26. RxP, R-K1; 27. P-R3, R(R2)-R1; 28. K1-B3, Q-K17; 29. K1-K5, Q-K18ch; 30. K-R2, Q-B4; 31. Q-K13, Black resigns.

Chess Life In New York

By Eliot Hearst

NEW YORK'S roster of chess clubs now has a notable addition—the Midtown Chess Center. Having been opened to the public a little over a month ago, it already has achieved a list of habits numbering close to a hundred, according to its "founding father," Peter Braunstein. Mr. Braunstein intends the club to be more of a "come and go" chess center than a group with set membership and special events; such a "concession," he feels, will be ideal for the transient chessplayer or the competitor who has not the time to become a member of one of the regular clubs. However, usually such concessions deteriorate into smoke-laden, unsanitary places where dubious characters hang out; here in the Midtown Club, though, the surroundings are most congenial and pleasant—in fact, it must be admitted that the premises are perhaps the most inviting of any chess club in the metropolis.

The story behind Braunstein's decision to open a new club of this type is quite interesting. Of Russian parentage he was a "refugee from Communism" when he fled to Germany, and then a "refugee from Nazism" when he later escaped to France; once in contact with the Western nations, he became a member of the U. S. Army OSS and thus aided in the psychological warfare campaign which proved so important in the Allies' eventual victory. He's played chess as long as he can remember, he says, but only within the last dozen years has he really become a true devotee and student of the game. He particularly recalls that playing Alekhine in a simultaneous exhibition at Lisbon in 1941 was a major impetus towards the increase of his chess interest. Now in his new club located, by the way, at the Hotel Marcellis (103rd St. and Broadway) he helps in developing the interest of others by such enticements as free introductory lessons and competition with other players of one's own strength. His charming English wife, too, is enthusiastic about the Royal Game; she is usually present to play any members of the fairer sex who may enter seeking chess combat (and there have been more than just a few women who have visited the club room since its opening!). Soon with more publicity and the passage of more time, the Midtown C. C. may well become one of New York's most thriving chess centers.

IN BRIEF: Donald Byrne has completed his schedule in the Manhattan C. C. Championship and his imposing score of 11½-2½ leaves him an excellent chance for the coveted club title, although George Kramer's 6-0 has potentialities for the future also! . . . With but two rounds to go in the Marshall C. C. Championship, E. Hearst leads with 11-3 while Jack Collins and James Sherwin are tied for second with 8½-4½; all other contestants are at least 5 points down . . . Anthony Saidy 6½-½ is well on his way towards winning the Marshall Jr. title . . . Zemgalis, the former Latvian champion, recently participated in at least one weekly rapid at the Marshall C. C. and finished second in a strong field just behind N. Y. State and Intercollegiate Champ Sherwin . . . Columbia defeated Army 8-0 at West Point.

VERDICT

Moving pieces
With mighty
Crashes,
Should rate
Such players
Thirty lashes!

—Frank Hanley

Are You A Member?
Is Your Friend A Member?

Chess For The Tired Business Man

By Fred Reinfeld
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CHALLENGE TO CHESS PLAYERS

IN RECENT YEARS we have had a great many fine books on chess, dealing with almost every conceivable aspect of the game. Yet these books have neglected what is after all the primary object of a game of chess: the actual process of checkmating your opponent's King. The purpose of this book is to instruct you, the reader, in all the many ways of achieving checkmate.

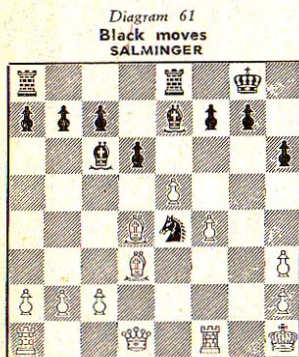


Diagram 61
Black moves
SALMINGER

VARAIN
Munich, 1896
No. 62. 1. Q-Q8 ch, K-K2; 2. R-K1, KtXP mate. Illustrates the fearful power of a double check.

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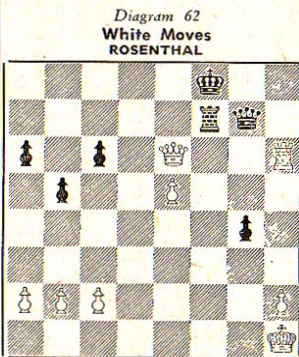


Diagram 62
White Moves
ROSENTHAL

NEUMANN
Paris, 1867
No. 61. 1. Kt-K6 mate. This example shows that the position of the pieces is all important. Despite near-equality of material, Black is helpless.

For The Tournament-Minded

February 9-7

Chicago Championship Tourney
Chicago, Ill.
This event postponed because of the ISCA City Championship at Lawson YMCA. New date will be announced later.

February 22-24

Minnesota State Championship
Minneapolis, Minn.
Open to all players; 7 round Swiss beginning 7:30 p.m. Feb. 22; entry fee \$5 with \$3 refund to players completing schedule; name of winner inscribed on State Trophy; held at Minneapolis Chess & Checker Club, 32 Glenwood Ave. No., Minneapolis.

March 22-23

Puget Sound Open Championship
Seattle, Wash.
Open to all; 6 round Swiss; begins 9:00 a.m. at Assembly Hotel, Seattle; entry fee \$2.00 (\$1.50 to WCF members); for details write Tournament Director Charles Joachim, 2712 E. Fir St., Seattle 22, Wash.

Wilmington (Del.) Chess Club is establishing chess clubs in the various local high schools. In the recent Larry Evans exhibition, Evans scored 23 wins, 1 draw and no loss against Wilmington members. The lone draw went to club champion M. M. Hope, a very promising young player.

March 1-April 31

CCLA Special Tournament
Correspondence Chess
Open to all; CCLA membership not required; 3 round correspondence tournament with top players in each section advancing without further fees into next round; entry fee per section \$1.50; player may enter as many sections of Rd 1 as he wishes, but no player can win more than one prize or advance to more than one final section; entries accepted up to April 31; cash prizes beginning with \$100.00 for winner, \$75.00 for second while 6th through 50th place win \$3.00 cash or \$5.00 in credits toward book or equipment purchases; for details or entry write: Dick Rees, CCLA Secretary, 2826 Correctionville Road, Sioux City 5, Iowa; make checks payable to Correspondence Chess League of America.

March 29-30

Washington State Junior Championship
Seattle, Wash.
Open to juniors; Swiss event; begins 9:00 a.m. at Assembly Hotel, Seattle; entry fee \$1.00 (50c to WCF members); for details write: Tournament Director Charles Joachim, 2712 Fir St., Seattle 22, Wash.

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The Reader's Road To Chess

By Kester Svendsen

LASKER'S HOW TO PLAY CHESS. By Emanuel Lasker, with Introduction by W. H. Watts. Drexel Hill, Penna.: Bell Publishing Company, \$1. Pp. 107, numerous diags.

THE ART OF CHESS COMBINATION. By Eugene Znosko-Borovsky. English edition with an Introduction by Philip W. Sergeant. Drexel Hill, Penna.: Bell Publishing Company, \$3.50. Pp. xi, 212, with 200 diags.

THE reprinting of these grand old books serves to illustrate both how good they are and how far chess pedagogy has advanced since their time. Where a Purdy or a Horowitz instructs with the style of a business-like but basically humorous friend, Lasker instructs like a philosopher. He follows the now conventional pattern, which he did a good deal to establish, for primers: the moves of the pieces, the object of the game, the end game, the opening, principles of strategy, illustrative games with notes. He includes notations systems and exercises to test progress. Throughout, his intention is to develop the learner's ability to think for himself, and he does this in measured prose. His epilogue, "The Chess World," will remind readers indirectly of his great achievements. As Watts points out, in the long list of International tournaments from 1888 to 1924 Lasker never placed lower than third and in most was a clear first. This little book, old-fashioned now and nothing so tremendous as his *Manual of Chess*, is of course still sound and something more, for on every page lies the impression of the dignity of both the author and the royal game he played so magnificently.

Znosko-Borovsky's book was a pioneer in its time—the English edition appeared in 1936—and despite its archaic nomenclature ("geometrical basis," "linear relations," etc.) is still instructive. The hundreds of diagrams in such a work as the *Chernev-Reinfeld Winning Chess* instruct faster and more sharply; but the basic ideas in later studies of the art of combination are naturally similar to those here. Master Znosko-Borovsky divides his book into four parts: combinations and their study, combinational ideas, combinations depending on position, and the life and death of a combination. Part one is exploratory and theoretical. Can the art be learnt? What is a combination? (Botvinnik tries his hand at an answer in his latest book!) Part two illustrates in ten sections such motifs as the opening of lines or the interception, the unprotected piece, undermining the supporting pawn. Part three takes up such positional ideas as are related to the pawn at Kt7 and the Kt1 file, KBP and the castled king, combinations in the center, and so on. Part four deals with preparation, mechanism, and refutation, with a postscript "two examples from the late championship match," i.e., Euwe-Alekhine 1935. Examples and exercises abound—of the former there are nearly 200 from actual play. The style is scholarly, formal, and leisurely, but not dull or pretentious.

Current primers and instruction books are perhaps more modern in approach and less discursive, but the solid value in these two revivals is unmistakable and undeniable.

The Kibitzer

From the Editor's Mail Bag

Dear Mr. Major:

Mr. Phillips, in his letter to the members, hinted that CHESS LIFE might have to be suspended if the members did not support the USCF more ardently.

In my opinion the suspension of CHESS LIFE would be a serious setback to American Chess and should only be done if the USCF decides to fold up.

I favor an increase in dues to five dollars plus an annual assessment of two or three dollars until such time as our indebtedness is cleared up. A committee should be formed to examine the operating expenses and to prepare a tabulated account of the amount necessary for annual operation plus a small reserve. Dues should be increased accordingly.

It's time that American chess-players got the lead out of their pants and set to work to promote chess and build up a strong organization.

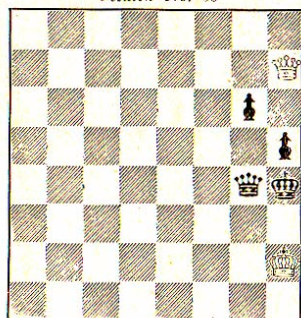
WILLIAM WILCOCK

Jamestown, New York

What's The Best Move?

By Guilherme Groesser

Position No. 88



8, 7Q, 6p1, 7p, 6qk, 8, 7K, 8
White to play

Send solutions to Position No. 88 to the Editor, CHESS LIFE by March 20, 1952.

Solution to Position No. 85

This deceptively simple position tricked most of our solvers, including some of the star performers. It is not a draw, as many suggested, but a definite win for Black.

In the game Borissenko-Mezenov, Kolkhozes Championship, USSR, 1950, Black played 1. K-K5 (as suggested by many solvers) and drew. The correct line of play was: 1. P-B7; 2. R-K18; B-K18! and Black wins whether White plays 3. KxB, P-B8(Q) ch; or 3. R-B8 ch, B-B4! an immediate move of 1. B-K18 (as suggested by a few solvers) draws for White replies 2. RXP ch, KxR; 3. KxB.

Correct solutions are acknowledged received from James E. Barry (Detroit), R. J. Bauer (Buffalo), C. J. Cleve (Forest Hills), C. Diesen (N. Tonawanda), J. Faucher (New Haven), Dr. H. Gaba (Detroit), P. Klebe (West Haven), C. McDonald (Los Angeles), M. A. Michaels (Montreal), E. Nash (Washington), F. Sorensen (Pittsburgh), H. C. Underwood (Washington), Wm. R. Wilson (Amherstburg), J. L. Weininger (Forest Hills).

LOVE THAT MAN

He's my pal,
My buddy,
His chess I adore;
I can
Mate him
Three out of four
—Frank Hanley

Chess Life

Wednesday, February 20, 1952

Alekhine's Early Chess Career

Additional Data

By A. Buschke

V. ALEKHINE IN SOVIET-LAND

QUEEN'S PAWN GAME

Moscow Championship 1919-20

(This game played in 1920)

Notes by A. A. Alekhine (from German manuscript in A. Buschke's private collection, unless marked "SL"—such notes are published in "Schachleben in Sowjet-Russland").

White: N. M. ZUBAREV. Black: A. A. ALEKHINE.
1. P-Q4 2. P-QB3 Kt-QB3
An unusual move in this position, but Black has very special intentions with it.
3. B-B4 P-KK13 4. QK1-Q2 O-O
5. Kt-B3 B-K12 6. B-K2 Kt-Q2!
With this move, Black's whole plan of development becomes clear: the idea is to make P-K4 possible, and this has now been achieved.

8. P-K4 9. PxB Kt(B3)XP 10. KtfxKt Kt(Q2)Kt1
Black has now a P in the center and his Bs are posted more favorably than the opponent's, he has decidedly the better position. (SL only: "his position is therefore better").

13. Q-Q2 P-KB4
Prevents the liberating move P-K4 and threatens, at the same time, to win a B. (SL: a piece) by P-KK4 followed by P-B5.

14. P-KR3 P-KK14 16. PxB PxB
15. B-R2 P-K15! 17. B-K2 P-B4
This move is done, in the first place, in order to relieve the Q from protecting this P. This P, however, should have been pushed only to B3 which would have consolidated Black's center. Then the K's (sc. side) attack could have been further developed, as in the game, and this would have decided the battle. Now, however, White is able to save himself by counter-attack. (SL: 17. P-B3 was preferable. In this case, White could not have undertaken the counter-attack which follows in the game, and Black's attack could not have been refuted.)

18. QR-Q1 Q-K14 22. P-KK13 B-B4
19. B-KB4 Q-R4 23. Q-K13 B-K5
20. KR-K1 B-K4 24. B-K12 BxB(K12)
21. B-B1 R-B3 25. KxB BxB
If the BP now was posted on B3, if the Black P was not posted on B4 but on B3! 25. Q-R6 ch followed by BxB and R-R3, etc. would of course have been decisive at once. But now this is impossible on account of QxP ch, and then Q-K12, etc. (SL: has instead of the last sentence only: See not to move 17).

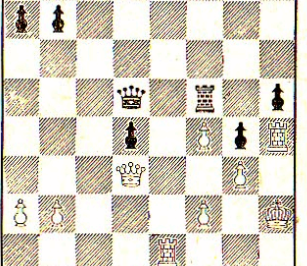
26. R-KR1!
(No note in SL). Here 26. RxB, Q-R6 ch; 27. Kt-K1, Kt-R1, etc. would be a mistake. Now, however, White is over the worst and even gets the advantage.
26. Q-B2 28. R-R4 P-KR4
27. KPxB R-Q1 29. Q-B2
(SL: ?) ... which he lets, however, slip out of his hand again with this move. The correct continuation was 29. R-KR1, R-B4; 30. Q-Q1! (threatening again RxB), Q-K13; (or K-B1); 31. P-R3! etc. with exquisite winning chances. (SL: A weak move. With 29. QR-KR1, R-B4; 30. Q-Q1! White would now have gotten the superior game.)

29. P-Q5!
Black takes at once advantage of the opportunity to create a passed P and to keep the opponent busy with it. (SL: no note.)

30. PXP Q-Q4 ch 32. Q-Q3 R-B4
31. K-R2 PXP 33. R-K1

After 33. R-K1

ALEKHINE



ZUBAREV

33. Q-B6!
A very strong move. White is now forced either to exchange Qs, whereupon Black, thanks to his strong center P, would be clearly in the superior position, or to continue as in the game, which, at first glance, seems to insure the draw, in reality, however, leads to debacle on account of a 13 move combination. (SL has only: "With this excellent move, things again turn in Black's favor—"wendet sich das Blatt wieder zugunsten von Schwarz").
34. Q-B1 ch, R-Q4 (there is no indication which R Alekhine means as the German original reads merely "T45!"—Trans.); 35. K-K11 (or 25. R-B1, K-K12, etc.), P-Q8; 36. RxBP, P-Q7; 37. R-K15 ch, K-R1 and wins, would be a mistake. How can Black now save his K from "perpetual check"? (SL: This seems to insure the draw for White, his plan (Please turn to page 4, col. 5))

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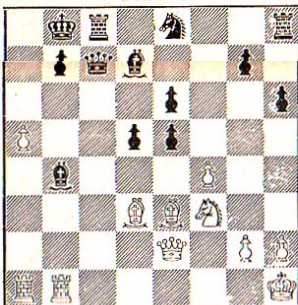
Inadvertently in the issue of January 5, players were reversed in publishing the score of the Albin Counter-Gambit which headed the first column. It should have read: White: Muir; Black: Dr. Sturm.

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Connecticut Chess League
Team Match, 1951

Notes by J. Faucher

White
J. FAUCHER
(Yale)
1. P-Q4 P-K3 5. B-Q3 P-Q4
2. Kt-KB3 Kt-KB3 6. O-O Q-B2
3. P-K3 P-B3 7. Q-K1 Q-P2
4. B-B3 Kt-B3
Since White usually tries to open the K-file in this opening (by P-K4), this move merely helps him out. In addition the Kt gets a strong post at K5. Better was B-Q3 or B-K2.
8. KxP P-B2 9. Q-K2 O-O
An interesting idea: to meet the Colle K-side attack by castling Q-side. Although the Colle system is thought of as a "modern" opening, this same strategy occurred in master play over 50 years ago! The game Charousek-Chigorin, Koln, 1898 continued: 9. B-Q3; 10. R-K1, Q-O-Q; 11. Kt-B1, P-KR3; 12. P-QK4, K-K1; 13. P-QR4, R-B1 and a lively game ensued.
10. Kt-K5 Kt-Kt 11. P-Kt Kt-K1? The Kt is unhappy posted here. There were better prospects in Kt-Kt1-K2-B4 with positions similar to the French Defense.
12. P-KB4
An important prelude to Kt-KB3. The spearhead at K5 must be maintained.
13. B-Q3 B-B4 14. Kt-B3 P-KR3
13. K-R1 P-B3
The point of this move is obscure, unless it is to prevent Kt-K15.
15. P-QR4 P-QR4?
As a rule a threatened P assault is not well met by loosening the K position; the present case is certainly no exception. Better was K-K1 and R-B1.
16. P-Kt1 P-Kt1 18. P-R5!
17. P-Kt1 BxP
Preventing B-R4 which would hinder the attack. If now BxP; 19. B-Q2 wins quickly.
18. K-K1 20. K-R-QK1 PxKt
19. B-K3 R-QB1
After 20. P-KP



FAUCHER

On B-QB4; 21. R-QB1 is sufficient.
21. PXP
Even better is RxB, i.e., P-K5; 22. P-R6, PxB (or P-Kt1) 23. PXP, P-Q5
22. P-R6 BxR
The threat was mate in five by 24. B-R7 ch.
24. Q-R2 QxKtP 26. Q-R6 ch K-B2
25. R-Q ch KxR
If R-Kt1; 27. Q-Kt6 ch, K-R1; 28. B-K4 ch wins.
27. Q-R5 ch K-B3
Choosing the short way out. If 27. Kt-K2; 28. B-K3; 29. BxP and mate next move by Q-R5 (or if BxP by Kt-K2) can't be prevented.
28. B-K4 mate

THE POLISH OPENING

CCLA Social Quarterly, Class A
Correspondence Chess

Notes by J. H. Lockhart

White
H. H. GAUPER
(LaCrosse, Wis.)
1. P-K4 P-K4 3. P-K3 Kt-KB3
2. B-K12 P-Q4 4. B-K12 Kt-KB3
Kt-P is better, but this makes for a wide-open game.
5. BxP Q-K2 6. BxR B-KB4
I was taking a big chance but get a batch of tempi for a R.
7. B-K12
The B has moved six times, and so back home again.
7. P-Q5 9. PXP
8. P-QB3 PXP
Lucky break for me as his B is blocked by his P.
9. Kt-KB3 B-Q3 12. QK1-Q2
11. Q-R4 Kt-B3 13. P-KR3 Kt-KK15
14. P-K4! 14. P-K4!
If 14. P-Kt1? The White Q is lost by Kt-Q6 ch, etc. If 14. Kt-K1, Kt-B3; 15. Kt-K1, B-B4 ch; and all my forces swing into action, i.e., 17. K-K2, Q-K14; 18. Kt-B4, BxKtP; 19. B-B1, Kt-K2; 20. Kt-Q2, BxP ch; 21. Kt-K2, Q-B7 mate. Or 18. Kt-K1, B-B4 ch; 19. K-K2, Q-K14; 20. Kt-B4, BxKtP; 21. Kt-K2, Q-B7 mate. Or 18. Kt-K1, B-B4 ch; 19. Kt-K1, Q-K14; 20. Kt-B4, BxKtP; 21. Kt-K2, Q-B7 mate.
14. Kt-K1 Kt-Ktch 15. P-Kt(3) Kt-P
This has been on hand for some time.
16. QxRP
This puts me in a very delicate position which will allow him to develop pieces but I can't do anything about it. If 16. Kt-K1, B-B4 ch; and all my forces swing into action, i.e., 17. K-K2, Q-K14; 18. Kt-B4, BxKtP; 19. B-B1, Kt-K2; 20. Kt-Q2, BxP ch; 21. Kt-K2, Q-B7 mate. Or 18. Kt-K1, B-B4 ch; 19. Kt-K1, Q-K14; 20. Kt-B4, BxKtP; 21. Kt-K2, Q-B7 mate.
16. Q-R5 19. K-K1 Kt-B7ch
17. Q-R8 ch K-Q2 20. B-B1 Kt-K13
18. QxP Kt-KPch

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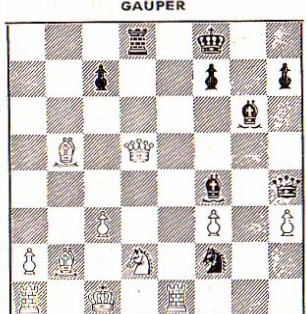
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FRENCH DEFENSE

U. S. Intercollegiate Championship
Philadelphia, 1951

Notes by Marvin Rogan

White
M. ROGAN
(Indiana)
1. P-K4 P-K3 3. P-K5
2. P-Q4 P-Q4
This system, once championed by Steinitz, is now considered as antiquated.
3. Kt-QB3 maintains the tension in the center for White.
4. Kt-KB3 Kt-QB3 5. B-P3 Q-K13
A tempo is lost with 6. B-Q3, as White must eventually retreat the B to protect the center P's. Hence, as Nimzovich has shown, 6. B-K2 directly is correct.
6. B-K2 Kt-K2 10. K-B1 O-O
7. P-QK13 Kt-B4 11. P-K14 Kt-R3
Although Black appears to have a favorable position, close examination reveals that White, with the center P's as a key, is exacting a crippling blockade upon Black.
12. P-K11 P-B3! 15. BxR Kt-B4
13. PxP R-P! 16. R-K14 B-Q2
14. P-K15 R-K1
Tension revolving about the attack and defense of the blocking center P has reached the crucial point. Nimzovich has proclaimed the position as decided in Black's favor. Yet, the situation merits close study, since the resulting outburst by White seems to leave Black hard pressed.
17. Kt-B3?
A radical attempt to neutralize Black's oncoming P-K4 and to release White's Q's wing. The entire continuation is speculative. Post-mortem analysis seemed to verify its soundness.
17. Kt-K4? P! Kollanowski indicated that 17. Kt(3)xP might have been better for Black. Throughout the maze of variations, White seems to maintain the Exchange and the initiative.
18. Kt-P! White's Kt now assumes the characteristics of a desperado. The complications at this stage are enormous.
18. Kt-K4ch 19. Kt-B2 Kt-B2
After 19. Kt-B2, Kt-B2
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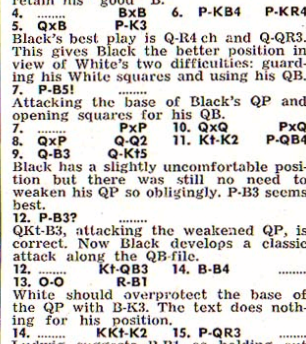
I was tempted by B-K2 but it would not work against best play; and Gauper doesn't indulge in anything but best play.
4. Q-B5 ch K-K1! If K-K1 he can force the exchange of my Q with a better endgame. 24. K-K12; 25. R-K1, R-Kt1; 26. R-Kt1, Q-Q6 ch; 27. BxKt, Q-K3 ch; 28. B-K2, QxR ch; 29. K-K13, QxR; 30. Q-Q4 ch and I must exchange.
25. R-K2 R-Kt1
Hoping for 26. RxR when the above variation can be used with a good chance in the endgame.
26. R-K8 ch
My adversary is too smart; he forces the draw by perpetual check or repetition of moves, which I must accept.
27. K-K12 28. K-Q7 ch K-Kt2
27. Q-B8ch K-B3
Not K-B4 or else I lose my Q and my White B is blocked in and cannot be of use—I would lose.
29. Q-B8ch
Not Q-K2 because of 29. R-K8 mate.
29. K-B3 Drawn
30. Q-K7ch K-K12

CARO-KANN DEFENSE

Missouri State Open Championship
St. Louis, 1951

Notes by J. Mayer

White
A. C. LUDWIG
(St. Louis)
1. P-K4 P-Q3 3. P-K5 B-KB4
2. P-Q4 P-Q4 4. B-Q3
It is well known that White can gain no more than equality from this variation. The Black KB proves to have more prospects than the White QB which is locked in by its own P's. The unusual 4. P-KK4, B-K13; 5. P-KR4 is probably best for White since it allows him to gain space on the K-side and to retain his "good" B.
4. BxP 6. P-KB4 P-KR4
5. QxR P-K3
Black's best play is Q-R4 ch and Q-QR3. This gives Black the better position in view of White's two difficulties: guarding his White squares and using his QB.
7. P-B5!
Attacking the base of Black's QP and opening squares for his QB.
8. QxP Q-Q2 11. Kt-K2 P-QB4
9. Q-B3 Q-K15
Black has a slightly uncomfortable position but there was still no need to weaken his QP so obligingly. P-B3 seems best.
12. P-B3?
QKt-B3, attacking the weakened QP, is correct. Now Black develops a classic attack along the QB-file.
12. Kt-QB3 14. B-B4
13. O-O R-B1
White should overprotect the base of the QP with B-K3. The text does nothing for his position.
14. Kt-K2 15. P-QR3
Ludwig suggests R-B1 as holding out longer. I would prefer PxP to dissolve the unfavorable P's and try for counterplay against the Black QP which would then be exposed again.
15. PXP
Black now "fixes" the QP as a target.
16. PXP Kt-B4!



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After 16. Kt-B4!
17. Kt-B3 QKt-QP 18. Kt-Kt B-B4!
Black has an easily won game.
19. Kt-Q1 BxKtch 22. Kt-K2 Kt-Bch
20. K-R1 B-K6! 23. Kt-K1 R-B7
21. B-KK13 P-Q5 Resigns
A very interesting conclusion.

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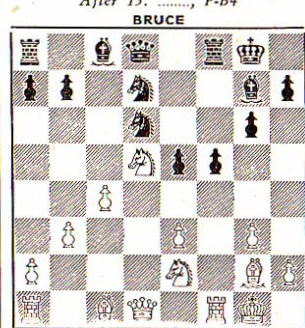
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11. P-Q5 P-P 13. P-QK13 P-B4
After 13. P-B4



GOLOMBEK

Looks like a very good move... but White must have had something like this position in mind five moves ago. The position is interesting. It illustrates "how to win the Exchange by some 'simple maneuvers'".
14. B-QR3 Kt-B3 15. Kt-K7ch!
"The pin is mightier than the sword," saith Reinfield.
15. QxKt 20. R-B1 Q-B4
16. BxK1 Q-KB2 21. P-K14 Q-Q3
17. BxR QxR 22. Q-K13 B-K3
18. Kt-B3 P-K5 23. R-K1 Resigns
19. Kt-Q5 Kt-K15

RETI. OPENING

Correspondence Game
1951-52

Notes by Don Garver

White
D. GARVER
(St. Louis)
1. Kt-KB3 P-Q4 4. O-O P-B4
2. B-K12 Kt-KB3 5. P-B4 P-Q5
3. B-K12 P-K3
The game is now a Reti.
6. P-Q3 Kt-B3 8. Kt-K1 B-K2
7. P-K4 P-K4
8. P-K13, P-KK13 and 9. B-K12 is also good.
9. P-B4 O-O 10. P-B5
This appears weaker than 10. Kt-KB3 retaining pressure on the KP.
10. Kt-KB3
White is thinking of Kt-B2, R-Kt1, P-QR3, B-Q2, and P-QK4. But Black will attack on this side first.
11. P-QR3 12. Kt-B2? Kt-QK15!

Black has the edge.
13. Kt-Kt P-Kt 15. P-K13 PxP
14. Kt-B2 P-QK14 16. Kt-PxP
As a result of White's 3rd-rank opening play, Black has a very good game on the Q-side.
16. P-QR4 19. P-K14 K-R1!
17. Q-B3? B-B3! 20. P-K15 Kt-K11
18. Q-K13 21. P-KR4 P-B3
Now Black has fairly secure B-side and a strong game on the Q-side. White should play 22. R-Kt1.
22. Q-K14? P-K16 24. B-Q2 P-K17
23. B-K11 P-R5
If now 25. P-QR3, Q-K16!
25. B-KB3
The start of a desperate defensive plan to swing the B to the Q-side.
26. P-R6 P-R6 26. R-B2 B-R5
Black forces the win of Kt for a P by the threat of B-K16!
27. Kt-RP BxKt 28. R-K12!
If 28. B-K15, B-B7; 29. PxP, QxP; then 28. B-K15 regaining the piece.
28. R-R2 29. B-Q1 B-B3
Black starts to slip. Why avoid exchanges with a piece up?
30. Kt-B3 R-K11 32. K-B2 PxP??
31. Q-K14 Q-Q1
Black goes completely to pieces, opening lines to his K that can't be defended.
33. PXP Q-KB1 34. R-R2 P-K13
Otherwise 35. R-Pch!
35. QxPch K-B3
If now 36. QxKt ch, QxQ; 37. P-Q3, Black could still cause a lot of trouble.
36. B-B4! R-K1

Solutions:

Finish It the Clever Way!
Position No. 75: 1. Q-Q8 ch, K-R2; 2. R-P ch, P-R2; 3. P-B ch, KxP; 4. Q-R8 ch, R-R2; 5. QxR mate.
Position No. 76: 1. Q-Q8; 2. R-K15 (threat was Q-R7 ch or Q-B3 ch and 3. KxP); 3. Q-K13; 4. K-R5, Q-Q5; 4. R-K16, Q-K6; 5. Kt-K4, Q-K5 ch; 6. Kt-R5, Q-K1; 7. White resigned. If 7. R-K6, Q-K4; 8. R-K4, Q-K3 ch; 9. K-R5, Q-K7 and wins P. If 9. R-K6, Q-B4; and 10. Q-R2 ch. Gnot gives the following variation: 8. K-K4, Q-Q5; 9. K-R5, Q-B5; 9. R-K6, Q-B4 ch; 10. R-K6, Q-K4; 7. R-K15, Q-R7 ch; 8. K-K16, Q-R2 ch; 9. K-B6, Q-K5; 10. R-K5, Q-Q5 wins the pawn by zugzwang.

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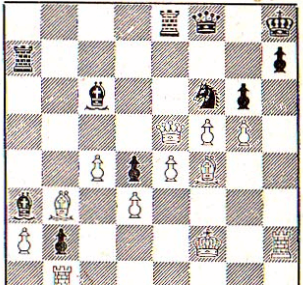
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After 36. R-K1



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37. P-B5!
The terrible B5 win rapidly. On RxQ; 38. BxR followed by BxKt ch, etc.
37. BxP 41. RxPch KxR
38. PxP R-KK12 42. R-R1ch R-R3
39. QxKt QxQ 43. R-Kt mate
40. Pxo R-K1P
A very bitterly fought game.

Alekhine's Career

(Continued from page 3, col. 5)

however is doomed due to a 13 move combination on Black's P's.
34. QxPch 38. K-R1 QxPch
35. K-R1 QxRch 39. K-R2 Q-R8ch
36. K-R2 Q-Q7ch 40. K-R2 QxPch
37. K-R1 Q-B8ch
Eventually, the Q has reached the only position, occupation of which makes the following defensive and aggressive move possible. (SL: no note).
41. K-K1 R-K1
Threatens mate and forces therefore the following countermeasures. (SL: Threatens mate and thus forces the following 13 moves).
42. Q-Kt5ch K-B1 44. RxRP Q-K18ch
43. Q-R6ch K-K2 45. K-R2 Q-B7ch
The Q is needed on the B-file in order to prevent the check by the R on White's B5, after K-Q2, Q-K7 ch, K-B1, etc. (SL: no note).
46. K-K1 Q-K2!
This brings the K into a safe position. All that is now necessary for Black is to make his superiority in material felt.
47. Q-K7ch K-B1 48. R-K5
Or 48. QxKtP ch, K-K1; 49. R-K5, R-QB1; 50. R-K5, P-Q6 and wins.
48. Q-Q8ch 50. PxR Q-K7ch
49. K-R2 RxR
The rest is of course only a matter of technique. (SL: no note).
51. K-K1 Q-K6ch 61. Q-B8 Q-Q5ch
52. K-R2 Q-K6ch 62. K-B1 P-Q7
53. K-R1 Q-B8ch 63. Q-K7ch K-K12
54. K-R2 Q-R6ch 64. Q-K5ch K-R4
55. K-K1 QxPch 65. Q-R2ch K-K15
56. Q-K6ch 66. Q-K1ch K-R6
57. K-K1 P-Q6 67. Q-K1 Q-Q6ch
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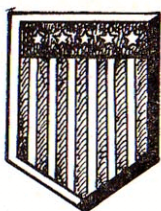
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HEARST WINS AT MARSHALL

MASSACHUSETTS ADOPTS NCCP AS FIFTH STATE CHAPTER

By Decisive Vote of MSC A Members
Massachusetts Affiliates with USCF

At the annual meeting of the Massachusetts State Chess Association on February 22nd, adoption of NCCP was voted by a decisive majority of the members of the MSCA, making the Massachusetts State Chess Association the fifth State Chapter of the United States Chess Federation under the National Chess Coordination Plan. Massachusetts now joins with Michigan, Pennsylvania, Texas and Tennessee in coordinating its own program and membership with the national organization.

By its prompt decision, the MSCA stole a march on several other State Associations which are also contemplating affiliation under NCCP. Actual coordination will take place upon January 1, 1953, when the dues of the MSCA will become \$4.00 and include membership in the USCF (with subscription to CHESS LIFE). The delay is occasioned by the fact the USCF and MSCA have already collected individual dues this year independently and a combined dues is not now practical for 1952. But USCF members in Massachusetts who are not already members of the MSCA are urged to join the State Chapter for 1952, while the MSCA is asking its membership to join the USCF, if they are not already members.

Although official affiliation will not occur until 1952, it is planned to inaugurate at once as many of the features of NCCP as is practical, beginning immediately with the coordination of national and state activities in the promotion of chess.

A full report upon the other decisions made at the annual meeting of the MSCA is not yet available, but will be published later. In the election of officers for 1952, Robert W. Reddy was again re-elected president. Paul J. Worcester became treasurer, J. Leeland Cawthorne secretary, George Mahar schoolboy director, Eric Nitzche tournament director, and Stanley W. D. King publicity director. As vice-presidents were elected John P. Egan, Eben Draper, Thos. H. Hurritz, and Charles S. Jacobs.

L.A. GROUPS PLAN YOUTH PROGRAM

A long-range program to foster chess among teen-agers in the senior high schools and playgrounds of the Los Angeles metropolitan area is being organized by the L.A. County Chess League in cooperation with the City Board of Education and the City Dept. of Recreation.

Preliminary tournaments at all playgrounds will be completed soon so that winners can qualify for the city-wide playground championship contest at Exposition Park on March 15. Gray and Keckhut, as president and tournament director of the County League, will direct the event, consisting of Swiss System sections and a Round Robin among the finalists. The Recreation Dept., which is advertising this as its "first annual tournament," will award trophies to the winners.

Another city-wide "open" tournament to stimulate formation of clubs in high schools will be launched by the County League on April 26, and if possible the Board of Education will publicize the event on TV to draw in as many young chess enthusiasts as possible.

LEAD AT CHICAGO TO TAUTVAISAS

The Chicago City Championship, conducted by the Illinois State Chess Ass'n, at the end of three rounds sees Povilas Tautvaisas threatening to run away with the event with 3-0. He has defeated Valdis Tums, Albert Sandrin and Burton Dahlstrom. Angelo Sandrin holds second with 2½-½. Turiansky has 1½-½ with an adjourned game, while V. Tums and Earl Davidson have 1½.

WACHS WINS PHILA SPEED

The annual banquet of the Mercantile Library Chess Ass'n of Philadelphia at the Hotel Robert Morris was well attended with sixty-four members and guests. Feature of the evening was a display of forty unique chess sets from the 500 set collection of John F. Harbeson, who gave a lecture on chess sets.

The evening concluded with the Speed Championship of the MLCA in which 29 members competed. In the four preliminaries, Wachs placed first in section A with 6-0 and Sklaroff second with 5-1; Sobel won section B with 6-1 and Ignatin was second with 5½-1½; Morris was first in section C with 5-0 and Fried second with 4-1; Bolden was first in section D with 5-1 and Shaffer second with 4½-1½. In the finals, Wachs romped away with the title with 6½-½, drawing with Sobel who placed second with 5½-1½. Third place went to Shaffer with 4½-2½. The victory gave Saul Wachs his ninth chess title in the past twelve months.

CCLA MEMBERSHIP HITS NEW HIGH

In 1951 the Correspondence Chess League of America, an affiliate of the USCF, established a new record in membership with 1208 active members—its largest membership in the 50-odd years of its existence. Early indications in 1952 give promise of an even larger membership for the current year.



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Picking the Winner at Havana

By KENNETH HARKNESS
USCF Rating Statistician

As this is written, the big international tournament at Havana is getting under way. Although the final line-up has not yet been announced, the list of probable competitors includes some top-flight masters from Europe, South America and the United States. This country is represented by U. S. Champion Larry Evans, Grandmaster Samuel Reshevsky, former U. S. Champion Herman Steiner, Senior Master Israel A. Horowitz, veteran U. S. Master Edward Lasker.

Naturally, we all hope that one of our boys will bring home the bacon. And even with the price of meat these days, you can buy a lot of bacon with the \$2500.00 first prize being offered by our good friends in Cuba. If our brilliant young champion Larry Evans brings home that much dough he can pay his taxes and still play Bridge at the Marshall Chess Club for a fifth.

Good chessplayers being even more consistent than racehorses, it is no trouble at all for your Rating Statistician to lay down his copy of Racing Form for a few moments and give you the probable order of finish at Hialeah—I mean Havana. Judging by their past performances, as measured by the rating system, the boys will pass the line in the following order:

1. Samuel Reshevsky, U.S.A.2704
2. Miguel N. Najdorf, Argentina 2714

It should be a photo-finish between these two Grandmasters. They ended up one-two at Amsterdam, 1950, and New York, 1951, alternating for first prize. We give Reshevsky the edge because he has made higher ratings than Najdorf in the past and because he is out to avenge the loss of the U. S. Championship to Larry Evans last year. Sammy will play harder than ever to recover his prestige.

A difference of 10 points in current ratings means practically nothing. Incidentally, all the ratings in this list are last averages, not necessarily the published ratings. For example, in the next ranking list Reshevsky has 2734 points which he earned in the first rating period of 1951. However, his second-place showing in the U. S. Championship brought his average down to 2704 points for the second period of 1951.

3. Larry Evans, U.S.A.2660
4. S. Gligorich, Yugoslavia2654
5. Erich Eliskases, Brazil2648

Any one of these three could take third prize, and there is about

a 5-1 chance that one of them will cop the big money. Larry Evans is on the way up, with no indication of how far he can go. This may be the spot for him to show whether he is headed for the Grandmaster Class, or whether he is going to level off below 2700 points. Even to come in third or fourth would be a spectacular success for this talented youngster in his third foreign appearance. Larry earned a Master's rating in 1948 with an average of 2309 points. In three years he has shot up to 2660 with never a backward glance. At Havana he faces a severe test but we believe he will come through with flying colors.

Gligorich and Eliskases have averaged around 2650 points for the past four years. For either to finish ahead of both Najdorf and Reshevsky would be unlikely but not impossible.

6. Nicholas Rossolimo, France2507
7. Israel A. Horowitz, U.S.A.2473
8. Carlos E. Guimard, Argentina 2484
9. Lodewijk Prins, Holland2478

There is little to choose between these four players. A spread of only 37 points between the highest and lowest of their current ratings means that any one of them could take sixth prize. We give Rossolimo a very slight edge because he has been the most consistent for the past three years. Horowitz is also a steady player, having rated as a Senior Master since 1934. He is capable of finishing higher than sixth, but it is nine years since Horowitz scored more than 2600

SHERWIN SECOND, THIRD A TIE

Holding the lead all the way, former New York State Champion Eliot Hearst scored 12½-3½ to win the annual Marshall Chess Club Championship in New York. Undeclared, Hearst conceded draws to Collins, Hill, Howard, Santasiere, Dunst, Mednis and Sibbett.

State Champion James Sherwin, who also holds the Intercollegiate title, finished a strong second with 11-5. He lost a game to his Columbian team-mate Hearst, as well as games to Donovan and Santasiere, while he drew with Collins, Howard, Dunst, and Fajans.

In third place Jack Collins and Jerry Donovan tied for the honors with 10½-5½ each. Collins lost games to Hill, Fajans, Westbrook and Sibbett, while drawing with Hearst, Sherwin, Burger. Donovan lost games to Hearst, Collins, Brandts and Dunst, and drew with Santasiere, Burger and Mednis.

Bernard Hill placed fifth with 10-6, while Franklin S. Howard and A. E. Santasiere tied for sixth at 9½-6½ each. Karl Burger was eighth with 9-7, while Carl Pilnick placed ninth with 8½-7½.

EARLIER BIRDS SNAP BAIN DATES

The recently announced transcontinental tour of U.S. Woman Champion Mary Bain found the early birds alert; and already plans for simultaneous events are set in Decatur (Ill.), Cleveland, Salt Lake City, and Las Vegas. But there are a number of open dates remaining and any club desiring the novelty of facing an expert woman player who defies the tradition that woman are the weaker sex (at chess), can still make an engagement by writing Mrs. Mary Bain, Marshall Chess Club, 23 West Tenth Street, New York City, N.Y.

DOE TRIUMPHS IN ALBERTA

Ray Doe of Calgary captured the Alberta Championship at Braemar Lodge, winning all his games. Doe was Saskatchewan Champion in 1947, tying for the title again in 1948. Second place ended in a tie between Lawrence Barrs and Walter Litwinczuk, both of Calgary, while Arthur Skeel, also of Calgary, was fourth. Defending Champion Walter Holowach, who has won the title six times, was unable to compete.

USCF NATIONAL CHESS RATINGS

as of December 31, 1951
TEN TOP-RANKING U. S.
PLAYERS

1. Samuel Reshevsky2734
2. Dr. Reuben Fine2676
3. Larry Evans2660
4. Israel A. Horowitz2545
5. Arthur W. Duke2510
6. Arnold S. Denker2504
7. Max Pavey2502
8. Robert Byrne2462
9. Isaac Kashdan2455
10. Alexander Kevitz2450

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SIDNEY F. KENTON

THE New York Chess World was shocked on Sunday, February 17, to learn of the unexpected death of Sidney F. Kenton, long vice-president and tournament director of the Manhattan Chess Club. Following, as it did so closely upon the passing of Maurice Wertheim, the tragedy left a wide gap in the chess organization of New York, for Mr. Kenton's able leadership was frequently required by the Manhattan Chess Club in the staging of such outstanding chess events as the International Tournament in memory of Mr. Wertheim in 1951.

Mr. Kenton was 71 years old, vice-president of a large New York oil corporation. Born in Chicago, he studied at City College and joined the Manhattan Chess Club about 25 years ago, serving as a vice-president of that organization for some ten years.

NATIONAL RATINGS

A GAIN CHESS LIFE presents the semi-annual listing of National Chess Ratings—this time as of December 31, 1951. And, as was to be expected, the newest listing presents a more accurate ranking of the comparative tournament success of the various players than any of the previous lists. There are a number of reasons for this.

First, as Statistician Kenneth Harkness relates in his article upon the National Chess Ratings, a modification and refinement of the details of the system have proved a more accurate gauging of comparative rankings—a modification that will eventually permit also the rating of team matches, league contests, and individual matches.

Secondly, as any mathematician knows, accumulated detail produces greater accuracy; and each rating list represents the coordination of a mass of new detail with all the data previously accumulated. As Sapper has stated in simplified form: Once is accident, twice is coincidence, three times is certainty. When the ratings of various players continue over a period of extended computation to remain at approximately the same level, there is definite indication that the system which produces such results is giving an accurate measurement of comparative success in tournament performance.

Lastly, the increase in number of tournaments reported for rating purposes provides more precise and accurate data for determining the comparative rankings of various players. For example, the listing as of December 31, 1950 was based upon 44 reported tournaments. The present list is based upon 100 events. In particular, there is an improvement in the ratings for certain sections of the country where previously the lack of adequate data prevented complete accuracy being obtained.

But there is still room for improvement in the matter of reporting events. Tournaments such as the Vermont State Championship, Utah State Championship, New Mexico State Championship and Minnesota State Championship for 1951 remain unreported to the detriment of the individual standings of the players who participated in these events—particularly in regard to the players who won them or placed high in the final standings.

There is also room for improvement in the number of events which are 100% USCF rated tournaments. These are tournaments in which all the entrants are either USCF members or have paid a rating fee. The number of such events have increased in the past six months, but could be increased still more. When a player participates in an event, he should not only be able to see his own standing in print, but should also be able to compare it with other players in the same event. But he can only have the satisfaction of this comparison, if the event is 100% rated—that is, has the rating of all players in it published in the semi-annual National Ratings.

Montgomery Major

The Reader's Road To Chess

By Kester Svendsen

MANY recent devotees of chess overlook the wonderful opportunities to build their libraries offered by the leading periodicals. Chess Review, Chess World, British Chess Magazine, and Chess all issue bound volumes at reduced prices. Several less widely circulated serials are similarly available, among them Dr. A. Buschke's Chess News from Russia (from November, 1945) and the first volume of his "Chess Tournaments Abroad," The 91 Games in the Training Tournament at Parnu 1947, won by Keres. Super bargain offers abound; Chess at one time offered for \$5 the full run of the magazine from October 1946 to October 1950, three bound volumes and the twelve issues of volume 15.

The wealth of games, analysis, news (chess news is never old), departments, special articles in bound volumes of the major periodicals

is well exemplified by volume 16 of Chess, October 1950-September 1951. There are 270 games, including all of the Staunton Centenary Tournament; hundred of problems in the department conducted by C. S. Kipping; diagram features like "Winning Practice from the Masters"; a regular "Analytical Corner"; in the final numbers the beginning of a new series of articles by Euwe on "The Current Situation in the Principal Openings"; in all 289 pages. Every important tournament in the world is covered, usually with annotated games if not surveys of theory. Book reviews, short stories, anecdotes, cartoons, chess charivari are all present in pleasing variety. Even bits of American news not published in our own journals occur in this and other foreign magazines.

Beginners at library-building often ask for a list of the best books for a start. Nowhere else can they get so much for so little as in the bound volumes of back issues of the good periodicals.

Mate The Subtle Way!

by Vincent L. Eaton

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IN MEMORY of the late Alain Campbell White, America's great patron and authority on the chess problem, four international composing tournaments are announced by the American Chess Problem Association. Chess Life is happy to join with the American Chess Bulletin and American Chess Problemist in conducting these tournaments for the Association.

The four sections are as follows:

Tourney A. For two-move problems, without restrictions as to theme. Judges: Edgar Holladay and Julius Buchwald.

Tourney B. For two-move problems embodying the following theme: One Black defense provides the Black King with one flight square; another Black defense provides him with two flights; and a third provides him with three. Judges: Eric M. Hassberg and another to be announced.

Tourney C. For three-move problems, without restrictions as to theme. Judges: Vincent L. Eaton and another to be announced.

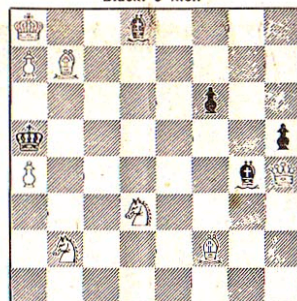
Tourney D. For self-mate in two moves, without restrictions as to theme. Judges to be announced.

All entries should be diagrammed in duplicate, marked "A", "B", "C", or "D" according to the tourney for which they are destined. Names and addresses of the composers should appear on only one of the two diagrams. Composers are limited to two entries for each tourney. Send all entries to Eric M. Hassberg, 41-26 73 Street, Jackson Heights, Long Island, New York. The closing date for the receipt of entries will be December 31, 1952.

In each tourney there will be three prizes of \$10.00, \$7.50, and \$5.00. The winning problems will be published in Chess Life, together with the reports of the several judges.

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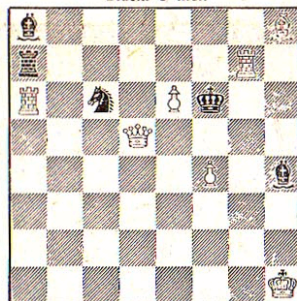
By Richard Kujoth
Milwaukee, Wis.
First Publication
Black: 5 men



White: 8 men
K2b4, PB6, 5p2, k6p, P5bQ, 3S4,
1S3B2, 8
White mates in two moves

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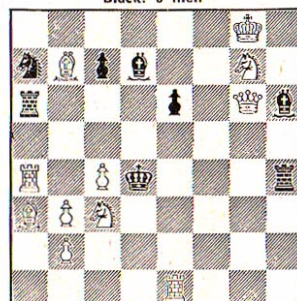
By Vincent L. Eaton
Silver Spring, Md.
First Publication
Black: 5 men



White: 7 men
b6B, r5R1, R1s1P2, 3Q4, 5P1b, 8, 8, 7K
White mates in two moves

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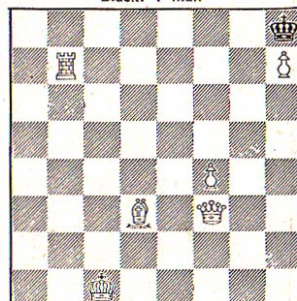
By L. A. Isayev
First Prize, Trud, 1928
Black: 8 men



White: 11 men
5K1, sBpb2S1, r3p1Qb, 8, R1P6k3r,
BP5S, 1P6, 4R3
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 314

By Dr. A. Kraemer
Deutsche Schachzeitung, 1936
Black: 1 man



White: 6 men
7k, 1R5P, 8, 8, 5P2, 3B1Q2, 8, 2K5
White mates in three moves

Res Caissae

By Guilherme Groesser

Chess and Checker Boards are an essential for players, but there is much possibility of selection. Wise players now avoid the glaring black and red squared boards that once were so popular—but hard on the eyes. A sturdy folding board of tough structure and with an imitation leather back is now available with the squares in a soft buff and green. These boards with 2" squares may be obtained numbered for checker players or unnumbered for chess players at the reasonable price of \$1.50 each. Special prices are made to clubs for quantity orders. Inquiries should be addressed to J. P. Charbonnier, 542 So. Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill.

Chess Life In New York

By Eliot Hearst

THE National chess scene and New York in particular have indeed lost an industrious organizer and an enthusiastic devotee in the death of Sidney Kenton, director of the Manhattan Chess Club, who, in addition to his duties at that world-famous club, had perhaps the greatest hand in the renaissance of international chess tournaments in the U.S. with his scheduling of the 1948 N.Y. tourney and the recent Wertheim Memorial.

Mr. Kenton was forever interested in arranging new contests—from matches, exhibitions, and tourneys down to Swiss System rapid transits and "Tripleheader" celebrations; and once he got a novel idea he always followed it through, unlike many others in the chess-organizing field. How else can one explain his raising more than \$10,000 for the Wertheim Tourney (when many said raising half that amount would be impossible) and just recently fulfilling his goal of \$1000 in prizes for the annual Manhattan Club championship—almost an unheard of amount for an annual fixture. His rapid sizing-up of situations enabled him to schedule the recent Rossolimo-Bisguier match in the short time that Bisguier was in N.Y. on furlough, and numerous Reshevsky-Fine games, blindfold and otherwise. His Manhattan C.C. teams have dominated N.Y.'s Met League for a decade now despite the presence of the Marshall C.C. as perennial competitor. And no one in the Manhattan Club, or in the nation as well, can forget how he took in those "cherubim of chess"—Bisguier, the Byrne brothers, Kramer and Shipman—and was instrumental in their development right up to their present master strength.

Perhaps my personal remembrances of Mr. Kenton would not be out of place . . . I first met him about eight years ago when my mother brought me, then a twelve-year-old enthusiast, to the Manhattan C.C.; Mr. Kenton showed me around the club, pointed out the masters at play in the club championship games which were going that day (I think I still have Arnold Denker's autograph which I obtained then—he was U.S. Champion at that time), invited me to stay for the afternoon and come and join the Manhattan when I attained high school age. As it later turned out I joined the Marshall a few months afterward and have been very happy there since, but an occasional visit to the uptown club was always rewarding. When I started writing for CHESS LIFE, Mr. Kenton was always ready with new "tips" for me (I think I was one of the first outsiders to know about his scheduling the Wertheim Memorial) and with penetrating criticisms of my previous columns. The last time I saw him was exactly a week before his death; he confessed that he was tired from continuous testimony in an oil-suit trial the week before, but said he was at work on a new idea—a tremendous international tourney to be held at the Manhattan in November to celebrate the club's 75th anniversary. He will never have the chance to see the realization of this plan, but we hope that the tourney (perhaps the Kenton Memorial) can still be scheduled in his memory.

Such a staunch patriot for the Manhattan C.C. must have had enemies and detractors, but even his most jealous competitors would have to admit his organizing prowess and unceasing work for chess. May he not be forgotten.

IN BRIEF: Rossolimo beat Bisguier 1½-½ in their recent two game match. Rossolimo, who is to settle down in N.Y.C. with his wife and 12 year old son, won the first game on an unsound piece (Please turn to page 5, col. 1)

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Wetherford, J. (Baton Rouge, La.)	1925*
Wiener, M. H. (Washington, D.C.)	1949
Wilder, N. C. Jr. (Buffalo, N.Y.)	1940
Yarmak, S. N. (Passaic, N.J.)	2079
Yatron, M. (Reading, Pa.)	2072
Young, W. C. (Madison, Wis.)	1962
Youngman, H. E. (Corpus Christi, Tex.)	1956
Zemke, Norman (Detroit)	1971
Zimmerman, A. (New York)	1935
Zitzman, S. S. (W. Lawrence, Pa.)	1920*
Zucker, J. (Miami, Fla.)	1989
Zuckerman, Peter (Philadelphia)	1944
Zukus, A. (Chicago, Ill.)	2000*

CLASS B

Adams, C. P. (Chicago)	1866
Agnello, Samuel (Durham, N.C.)	1704
Alkers, W. L. (Philadelphia, Pa.)	1747
Allen, B. (Haverford, Pa.)	1826
Allen, R. P. (Wash.)	1783*
Allison, A. A. (Buffalo, N.Y.)	1797
Amidon, James (Seattle, Wash.)	1834
Amsden, Henry B. (Wichita, Kans.)	1785
Anderson, J. (Rapid City, S.D.)	1813
Arganian, David (St. Louis, Mo.)	1793
Arike, E. (Stillwater, Okla.)	1890*
Arkless, W. L. (Lansdowne, Pa.)	1869
Arsonson, Mrs. E. (Chicago, Ill.)	1827
Asch, B. (Philadelphia)	1774
Ashbrook, A. G. Jr. (Charlotte, N.C.)	1837*
Backemeyer, W. (Gary, Ind.)	1877
Bachoff, C. (Glenside, Pa.)	1893
Barnes, D. K. (Cleveland, O.)	1718
Barrett, Charles (Philadelphia)	1777
Baron, Paul (Cordele, Ga.)	1800
Beckner, R. R. (Cincinnati, O.)	1842*
Bell, J. (Rochester, Minn.)	1823
Bergquist, H. (New York)	1774
Birnbaum, E. (New York)	1811
Blagg, Dr. J. S. (So. Charleston, W.Va.)	1784
Brand, R. F. (Charleston, S.C.)	1757
Brauer, H. W. (Hawkeye, Kan.)	1788
Buckendorf, Glen (Buhl, Ida.)	1837
Burnet, O. (Fort Worth, Tex.)	1828*
Burns, G. C. (Belton, Tex.)	1759
Caputo, J. (Philadelphia)	1740
Cattell, H. (Lancaster, Pa.)	1770
Chancellor, T. J. (Waco, Tex.)	1748
Chapin, Dr. F. J. (Bay City, Mich.)	1721
Cherwin, John (Buffalo, N.Y.)	1734
Cherwinski, C. (New York)	1785
Christman, Geo. (Green Bay, Wis.)	1780*
Chu, Henry (Philadelphia, Pa.)	1879
Clarus, B. (Hartford, Conn.)	1854
Clements, F. (Cleveland, O.)	1834*
Colby, Dr. K. (San Francisco, Cal.)	1778
Condon, F. E. (Borger, Tex.)	1816
Connor, B. C. (Tulsa, Okla.)	1768
Cooper, A. A. (Sewickley, Pa.)	1753
Craig, J. A. (Corpus Christi, Tex.)	1706
Crew, W. W. (Shreveport, La.)	1815
Cromelin, P. L. (Charlotte, N.C.)	1867
Dambrosio, J. (Bay City, Mich.)	1817
Davenport, L. H. (San Jose, Calif.)	1832
Daugherty, C. J. (Buffalo, N.Y.)	1791
Davis-Mallig, Dr. J. M. (San Jose, Cal.)	1809
Dawkins, G. (Princeton, N.J.)	1729*
De Lief, M. (New York)	1768*
Diez, J. L. (Oklahoma City, Okla.)	1851
Dina, Louis (Fort Worth, Tex.)	1834*
Doherty, V. (Fort Worth, Tex.)	1813*
Dougherty, V. (Fort Worth, Tex.)	1795*
Dowden, Merrill (Louisville, Ky.)	1795*
Drake, Alvin (N.J.)	1808
Driver, P. B. (Ridley Park, Pa.)	1883
Dunkel, G. O. (Gary, Ind.)	1710
Eaborn, R. C. (Homestead, Fla.)	1782
Eastwood, Wm. I. (Huntington, Mich.)	1776
Elmenhorst, G. K. (Ind.)	1760*
Ferris, Henry Jr. (Media, Pa.)	1849*
Finch, H. A. Jr. (McKinney, Tex.)	1760
Fletcher, Raymond L. (Decatur, Ill.)	1877
Flynn, Geo. W. (Sacramento, Cal.)	1801*
Foster, L. L. (Columbia, S.C.)	1849
Frazier, Andy (So. Boston, Mass.)	1857
Friedman, George (Allentown, Pa.)	1863
Friedman, W. (Swanton, Vt.)	1728
Gaba, Abraham (Detroit, Mich.)	1883
Gault, E. (New Brighton, Pa.)	1832
Gerth, R. M. (Portsmouth, N.H.)	1700
Giannulio, D. A. (Lansdowne, Pa.)	1717
Gibson, J. (Philadelphia, Pa.)	1752*
Gibson, J. B. (Tampa, Fla.)	1753*
Ginsberg, William (Detroit)	1774
Glover, E. R. (Wynnewood, Pa.)	1883
Goldsmith, J. (New York)	1763
Gonsky, Julius (Cleveland, O.)	1866
Gould, B. (Newburyport, Mass.)	1899
Gray, C. P. (Port Clinton, Miss.)	1879
Greenbaum, R. (New York)	1876
Griesse, Bill (Jersey City, N.J.)	1760*
Gring, A. D. (Brookline, Mass.)	1843
Gruber, A. D. (Indianapolis, Ind.)	1838
Guardia, F. (New York)	1784
Hamilton, W. R. (Pittsburgh, Pa.)	1736
Hartwig, A. R. (Peoria, Ill.)	1798
Hauzelbauer, James (Green Bay, Wis.)	1824
Henderson, T. A. (Trenton, Va.)	1774
Hernandez, B. (Norman, Okla.)	1778
Hierpe, Carl (Baffle Creek, Mich.)	1750
Hoffman, David (New York, N.Y.)	1740*
Hoffmann, Bert (Indianapolis)	1790
Holmes, Frank A. (Grand Rapids, Mich.)	1774
Homer, S. Jr. (New York)	1824*
Hornberger, R. E. (Elyburg, Pa.)	1847
Hornstein, Dr. H. M. (Beckley, W.Va.)	1807*
Housewright, Guy (Dearborn, Mich.)	1861
Hulmes, Al (Denver, Colo.)	1740*
Hurtless, Norman (Union, N.J.)	1865
Johnston, Paul (Denver, Colo.)	1895
Keller, Lucille (Detroit, Mich.)	1845
Kelly, R. F. (Oklahoma City, Okla.)	1739
Kemble, R. P. (Millersville, Pa.)	1782
Kerr, D. (Cranford, N.J.)	1725*
Kishner, J. (Indianapolis, Ind.)	1858
Kistler, D. S. (Milwaukee, Wis.)	1841
Knight, R. E. (Danville, Pa.)	1757
Kosiba, W. (Gary, Ind.)	1788
Krueger, John (Plainfield, N.J.)	1800*
Kupka, Dr. E. (Berkeley, Cal.)	1885
Lapin, John (Bay City, Mich.)	1797
Larsen, A. L. (Honolulu, Hawaii)	1813
Laucks, E. Forry (W. Orange, N.J.)	1813
Lay, Kenneth (Ripon, Wis.)	1789*
Lebeltzer, E. P. (St. Petersburg, Fla.)	1805
Lee, Floyd (Norman, Okla.)	1752
Lee, Francis (Baton Rouge, La.)	1825
Leonards, R. A. (New York)	1890
Lester, H. (Sandwich, N.H.)	1727
Levadi, David (Chicago)	1767

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MASTERS EMERITUS

TITLES of Master Emeritus have been conferred by the U. S. Chess Federation upon the following players who have compiled outstanding records in American chess competition, in many cases even prior to the initial year (1921) covered by the National Rating System, and whose present ratings do not reflect their outstanding past performances. Some have retired from active tournament play and some still indulge in competitive events, but all have reflected glory upon the practice of chess in the United States.

Jacob Bernstein (New York)	2130
Roy T. Black (New York)	2130
Albert W. Fox (District of Columbia)	2099
Herman Hahlbohm (Illinois)	2099
Hermann Helms (New York)	2130
Lewis J. Isaacs (Illinois)	2130
Shapiro, O. (Washington, D.C.)	2212
Siegel, M. H. (Buffalo, N.Y.)	2167
Skema, Kazys (Boston)	2258
Sklaroff, S. (Philadelphia, Pa.)	2135
Smith, Kenneth R. (Dallas, Tex.)	2205
Sobel, R. D. (Philadelphia, Pa.)	2130
Sorenson, Fred A. (Pittsburgh, Pa.)	2245
Soudakoff, Jack (New York, N.Y.)	2281
Steckel, W. H. (Los Angeles, Cal.)	2159
Steinmeyer, R. H. (St. Louis, Mo.)	2267
Stenzberg, (Detroit, Mich.)	2267
Suesman, W. B. (Providence, R.I.)	2245
Sullivan, J. G. Jr. (Knoxville, Tenn.)	2127
Taufvaics, P. (Chicago, Ill.)	2265
Tears, F. Jr. (Dallas, Tex.)	2109
Tums, John (Chicago, Ill.)	2189
Turiansky, M. (Chicago, Ill.)	2231
Underwood, Erwin E. (Cambridge, Mass.)	2130
Van Sweden, E. J. (Grand Rapids, Mich.)	2140
Vossler, Albert E. (Buffalo, N.Y.)	2120
Wachs, Saul P. (Philadelphia, Pa.)	2120
Webster, C. (Salina, Kan.)	2135
Weiss, Adolph (Los Angeles, Cal.)	2100
Westbrook, John T. (Brooklyn, N.Y.)	2130
Whitaker, N. T. (Shady Side, Md.)	2192
Wichman, K. J. (Rock Island, Ill.)	2182
Young, L. C. (Madison, Wis.)	2119*

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Adams, Paul (Chicago)	1902
Addison, W. G. (Louisiana)	2095
Adickes, W. C. Jr. (Asheville, N.C.)	2053
Anderson, E. N. (Owasso, Okla.)	1979
Austin, N. T. (Sacramento, Cal.)	1979
Bain, N. (New York)	2047
Barack, Thomas (Yeadon, Pa.)	2007*
Baron, Samuel (Brooklyn)	2011
Barrett, J. (Buffalo, N.Y.)	1994
Barry, James E. (Brooklyn)	1979
Battell, Jack S. (Brooklyn, N.Y.)	1966
Beach, Winthrop (Seacliff, N.J.)	1963
Berg, R. A. Jr. (Chicago, Ill.)	1973
Blach, J. L. (Cranford, N.J.)	2074
Blair, John (Tulsa, Okla.)	2024
Blume, Henry (Milwaukee)	2069
Bolden, Harry (Philadelphia, Pa.)	2062*
Boyer, R. (Buffalo, N.Y.)	2029
Brandroth, D. A. (Mignon, Pa.)	1945
Braslow, E. (Chicago, Ill.)	2046
Braskett, H. J. (Tracy, Minn.)	2049
Braver, A. (Midland, Mich.)	1903
Bruce-Nash, B. (Medora, Kans.)	2024
Brickman, Louis (Philadelphia)	1982
Burke, H. (Camp Hill, Pa.)	2009
Burdick, Donald (Huntington, W. Va.)	1962
Burn, Murray (New York)	1986
Burton, C. M. (St. Louis, Mo.)	1981
Buskager, Reuben (Baffle Creek, Mich.)	1981
Byland, W. M. (Pittsburgh, Pa.)	2089
Cafarelli, J. (Pittsburgh, Pa.)	1911
Callis, J. (Wichita, Kans.)	1970
Capell, M. (New York)	1982*
Caroe, Dr. A. E. (San Angelo, Tex.)	1971
Carroll, W. H. (New York, Pa.)	1978
Chase, G. W. (Los Angeles, Cal.)	2042
Cintron, Rafael (Puerto Rico)	1983
Coleburn, N. (Washington, D.C.)	2035
Coles, A. P. III (El Paso, Tex.)	1983
Cook, James W. (St. Louis, Mo.)	1950
Crispin, J. (Philadelphia, Pa.)	1945
Coveyou, R. (Oak Ridge, Tenn.)	2093
Cramer, Fred (Milwaukee, Wis.)	2016
Currie, R. G. (San Francisco, Cal.)	2049
Czapski, Capt. E. (Roswell, N.M.)	2048
Darwin, N. (New York)	2029
Dawson, C. E. (Buffalo, N.Y.)	2055
Dieter, Bruce R. (Midland, Mich.)	1930
Dittmann, H. A. (Salt Lake City)	1908
Dowling, E. J. (St. Petersburg, Fla.)	1986
Duchamp, Marcel (New York)	1937
Earnest, J. E. (Tulsa, Okla.)	2038
Eckenrode, T. B. (Lancaster, Pa.)	1943
Eckhardt, Rudolph (Detroit)	2044*
Egle, V. (Colorado Springs, Colo.)	1950*
Einhorn, R. (New York)	1974
Elison, D. (Manhatten Beach, Cal.)	1936
Ellison, T. (Lakewood, O.)	2047
Eucher, Mark (Los Angeles, Cal.)	2042
Euse, E. M. (Plainfield, N.J.)	1920
Faiselt, E. (Lakehurst, N.J.)	1974
Fishbein, G. B. (Orlando, Fla.)	1917
Fleet, Howard (Dayton, O.)	1936
Fleischer, M. (New York)	2067
Forbes, D. C. (Haworth, N.J.)	1901
Foy, E. M. (Charleston, S.C.)	2034
Frach, C. (Glenside, Pa.)	1988
Fuchsman, C. H. (Corpus Christi, Tex.)	1956
Gaba, Dr. H. B. (Detroit)	1908
Gable, Vernon (Buffalo, N.Y.)	1985
Gardner, A. H. (Charlottesville, Va.)	1976
Gardner, Carl (Washington, D.C.)	1942
Gartenhaus, Sol (Philadelphia, Pa.)	2049
Garver, R. L. (Tulsa, Okla.)	2096
Geo, J. B. (Sacramento, Cal.)	1977
Georgi, Henry (Lawrence, Kans.)	2001
Gil, H. G. (Philadelphia, Pa.)	2004
Gladney, W. F. (Baton Rouge, La.)	2063
Gladstone, Leo (New York, N.Y.)	1996
Goldman, A. (Miami Beach, Fla.)	2039
Granger, William (Cleveland)	2039
Grant, N. (Thibodaux, La.)	1965
Gratch, P. E. (Buffalo, N.Y.)	1979
Grombacher, Walter (Chicago, Ill.)	1967
Hand, Ed. E. W. (Haven, Conn.)	1948
Harkins, J. L. Jr. (Shaker Hts., O.)	1929
Harrell, R. (Fort Worth, Tex.)	2069
Harris, V. W. (Aurora, Colo.)	1984
Hassenkorn, J. (Rochester, N.Y.)	2034
Hatch, Durward (Altoona, Pa.)	2050
Helman, L. (Hartford, Conn.)	2059
Henin, C. (Springfield, Mass.)	1945*
Hernandez, Nestor (Tampa, Fla.)	2070
Hickman, Herbert W. (Haverford, Pa.)	2091
Higgenbotham, D. K. (Tulsa, Okla.)	2020
Holmes, A. R. (Montclair, N.J.)	2027
Holley, M. V. (Buffalo, N.Y.)	2070*

Hoff, Maj. J. B. (Long Beach, Fla.)	1984
Huffman, Dick (Denver, Colo.)	2001
Hunnex, Geo. (Elsinore, Cal.)	2080
Hursch, J. L. (Denver, Colo.)	1924
Hyde, H. H. (Waco, Tex.)	1954
Isenberg, E. (Los Angeles, Cal.)	1976
Jenkins, T. A. (Huntington, Mich.)	1978
Joachim, C. K. (Seattle, Wash.)	1958
Jones, K. R. (Chicago, Ill.)	2027
Joyner, L. (Santa Monica, Cal.)	2029
Kalish, R. (Brooklyn, N.Y.)	2098
Karff, N. May (New York)	2000
Kaufman, A. (Chicago, Ill.)	2027
Kaufman, Allen (New York)	1990
Kelley, W. (Buffalo, N.Y.)	2027
Keller, F. J. (Belmont, Mass.)	2009
Ketrakis, A. (Boston, Mass.)	1938
King, Stanley (Mass.)	2097*
Knox, P. C. (Deland, Fla.)	1965
Koenig, E. L. (Annapolis, Md.)	2034
Koenigsberg, B. (New York)	2001*
Kontafas, P. (So. Boston, Mass.)	1980*
Koppans, A. (Philadelphia, Pa.)	1959
Korpany, J. (New York, N.Y.)	1940*
Kramm, Morris (Brooklyn, N.Y.)	2086
Lester, Orlando A. Jr. (Newburyport, Mass.)	2047
Lew, H. A. (St. Louis, Mo.)	2020
Lipton, A. (Dallas, Tex.)	2050
Lorah, E. (Brooklyn, N.Y.)	1974
Lutz, G. (San Francisco, Cal.)	1905*
Lyle, George A. (Annapolis, Md.)	1970
Lyman, S. (Dorchester, Mass.)	1977
MacAlister, J. M. (New York)	1977
McHale, Walter P. (Philadelphia)	2031
McVay, Robert (Oklahoma City, Okla.)	1940*
MacLean, H. (Sturgeon Bay, Wis.)	1910
MacLean, W. F. (Cleveland, O.)	1893
Mann, Walter (Columbia, S.C.)	1983
Manney, O. W. (Seattle, Wash.)	1974
Margulies, S. (Brooklyn, N.Y.)	1949
Mease, A. N. (Reading, Pa.)	1934
Meier, E. (Brooklyn, N.Y.)	1974
Meifert, H. R. (Kalamazoo, Mich.)	1938
Merchant, C. (Houston, Tex.)	2007
Merkis, Kazys (So. Boston, Mass.)	1969
Mitchell, David T. (Decatur, Ill.)	2024*
Mitchell, Wm. P. (Brooklyn, Mass.)	1959
Moore, Clarence (Chicago, Ill.)	1994
Morgan, Charles T. (Huntington, W. Va.)	2060
Morgan, Laverne (Flint, Mich.)	1977
Mot, H. (Venita, Okla.)	2055
Myers, H. E. (Decatur, Ill.)	2011
Nash, E. (Washington, D.C.)	2078
Nash, Dr. A. S. (Cordele, Okla.)	1921
Neal, E. (Rochester, N.Y.)	2049
Nesher, Wm. H. (Altoona, Ill.)	1903
Noderer, C. C. (Oak Ridge, Tenn.)	2026
Ohman, Howard E. (Omaha, Neb.)	2070
O'Keefe, Jack (Detroit)	2091
Olin, Russell (Erie, Pa.)	2091
Othman, Milton (Milwaukee, Wis.)	2059
Owens, Brian (Kingston, N.Y.)	2031
Palmi, A. H. (Jackson, Mich.)	1913
Partos, George (Elmhurst, N.Y.)	2041
Paul, Aaron (Houston, Tex.)	1907
Pedrick, E. W. (Minneapolis, Minn.)	1910*
Pedrick, E. W. (Philadelphia, Pa.)	2012*
Pence, Mark (Converse, Ind.)	1930*
Penquite, John (Des Moines, Ia.)	1993
Perry, J. Jr. (Durham, N.C.)	2039
Pohl, R. (Brooklyn, N.Y.)	2049
Polikoff, L. (San Antonio, Tex.)	1948
Proll, G. S. (W. Orange, N.J.)	1905
Putzman, Dr. S. D. (Boston, Mass.)	2070
Quillen, J. P. (Santa Monica, Cal.)	2053
Rach, E. (Milwaukee, Wis.)	2045
Rehberg, Charles F. (New York, N.Y.)	2063
Reid, P. J. (Tulsa)	1917*
Reinhart, J. V. (Peoria, Ill.)	1974
Ricard, J. H. (Queens Village, N.Y.)	2010
Rogan, M. (Rochester, N.Y.)	2049
Rohland, M. (Milwaukee, Wis.)	2073
Rosenblum, G. K. (Philadelphia, Pa.)	1959*
Rozov, Mike (Lancaster, Pa.)	1984
Rozov, Dr. Bela (Tulsa, Okla.)	2004
Rudick, Ben (Charleston, S.C.)	1905
Russell, R. E. (Auburn, Cal.)	1921
Rutz, Gerald (Milwaukee, Wis.)	1980
Schmidt, Dr. B. (Homer, N.Y.)	2089
Schmidt, Dr. B. (Homer, N.Y.)	2089
Schwartz, B. (Philadelphia, Pa.)	2007
Schwarz, P. S. (New York)	2000*
Seibert, J. (Philadelphia, Pa.)	1904
Sharp, Charles (Scarboro, Me.)	1955
Shelley, J. L. (Seattle, Wash.)	1959
Sherr, P. (Allentown, Pa.)	1903
Slater, Dr. C. (Brooklyn, N.Y.)	1955
Smale, S. (Grand Blanc, Mich.)	1981
Smith, Mevis R. (Houston, Tex.)	2067
Smith, Stanley F. (Buffalo, N.Y.)	2095
Southern, Martin (Knoxville, Tenn.)	1986
Spence, Jack (Omaha, Neb.)	2000
Squire, Wm. (Buffalo, N.Y.)	1980*
Stahls, E. E. (Cleveland, O.)	2020
Steinbo, D. (New York)	1970
Stevens, B. W. (San Antonio, Tex.)	1953
Stevens, J. (Great Falls, Mont.)	1906*
Stopinksi, Z. A. (Buffalo, N.Y.)	1937
Stoppel, F. H. Jr. (Cicero, Ill.)	1983
Strang, E. W. (Camden, N.J.)	1992
Strang, E. W. (Camden, N.J.)	1992
Straus, Thos. (Mich.)	1997
Suraci, A. (New Haven, Conn.)	2076
Taber, William F. (Reno, Nev.)	1965
Taylor, H. F. (Jacksonville, Fla.)	2003
Temple, Bob (Dallas, Tex.)	1949
Thomas, G. S. (Burlington, Md.)	1926
Thorburnsen, P. E. (Winter, Wis.)	1958
Trem, Edward L. (Detroit)	2000*
Trud, Fred (Brooklyn)	1984
Underwood, A. K. (Denver, Colo.)	2043
Vogel, Richard (New York, N.Y.)	2067
Wade, D. B. (San Antonio, Tex.)	1981*
Wehrly, Dr. O. M. J. (Wauwatosa, Wis.)	2086
Weissman, A. (New York)	2092
Werthman, Dr. S. (Huntington, W. Va.)	2000

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CLASS D			CLASS D		
Levitin, M. (Cleveland, O.)	1726		Cohenov, W. H. (Ft. Worth, Tex.)	1645*	
Lewis, Ted (Chicago, Ill.)	1761		Collins, Hal (Fort Worth, Tex.)	1546*	
Lichtenstein, I. (Brooklyn, N.Y.)	1770		Connally, G. K. (Waco, Tex.)	1641	
Loening, K. (Lima, O.)	1716		Corfman, Howard (Cleveland, O.)	1612	
Lubar, B. (Philadelphia, Pa.)	1875		Crawford, E. (Philadelphia, Pa.)	1508	
Lubin, A. (Brooklyn, N.Y.)	1764		Cutler, J. A. (Fort Worth, Tex.)	1544*	
McClure, J. A. (Nashville, Tenn.)	1721		Cutlip, Maxine (Wewoka, Okla.)	1662	
McClure, Frank H. (Dallas, Tex.)	1889		Davis, Roy (Denison, Tex.)	1588*	
McClure, A. (Des Moines, Ia.)	1826		Dean, S. (Boonville, N.Y.)	1623	
McQuown, W. C. (Denver, Colo.)	1761		Deaton, F. (Philadelphia, Pa.)	1562	
Maher, G. (Woburn, Mass.)	1735*		Deaton, F. (Chicago, Ill.)	1465	
Martinez, J. (Hartford, Conn.)	1867		Donon, M. (Miami Beach, Fla.)	1623	
Martin, D. B. (Fort Worth, Tex.)	1769		Elkins, G. Sr. (Fort Worth, Tex.)	1687*	
Martinson, G. (Cheseston, Ind.)	1751		Ellis, Gilbert (Waterman, Ill.)	1686	
Maurer, G. (Buffalo, N.Y.)	1802		Fine, Hyman (New York, Mass.)	1661	
Mekus, Robert L. (Jamestown, N.Y.)	1731		Gardner, E. W. (Newbury, Mass.)	1567	
Meredith, R. A. (Hartford, Conn.)	1885		Ginter, Karl (Charlotte, N.C.)	1641	
Merrill, Duane (Tulahoma, Tenn.)	1858		Glazer, Dr. B. (Decatur, Ill.)	1632	
Meyer, M. O. (Sacramento, Cal.)	1892		Glecker, J. D. (Denison, Tex.)	1568*	
Millbourne, W. R. (Lansdowne, Pa.)	1768*		Goble, W. W. (Clanton, Pa.)	1614	
Miller, A. G. (Fort Worth, Tex.)	1891		Goddard, B. D. (Hot Springs, S.D.)	1650	
Miller, Dr. Robt. F. (Hays, Kans.)	1795		Gold, Albert (Philadelphia, Pa.)	1662	
Moskowitz, E. (Mt. Carmel, Pa.)	1709		Golden, W. J. (Los Angeles, Cal.)	1681	
Mueller, M. F. (Belvidere, N.J.)	1704		Gordon, J. R. (Fort Worth, Tex.)	1684	
Muller, E. F. (Flint, Mich.)	1732		Gray, C. E. (Los Angeles, Cal.)	1640*	
Muloney, Fred (Winthrop, Mass.)	1865		Gray, Clyde (Rock Island, Ill.)	1659	
Murphy, Alpha (Bronxville, N.Y.)	1794		Grider, S. (Salt Lake City)	1587	
Murphy, J. (Alcoa, Tenn.)	1731		Gutierrez, R. (New York, N.Y.)	1589	
Muto, P. (Britt, Ia.)	1846		Halperin, Dr. I. (E. Cleveland, O.)	1647*	
Nickel, A. L. (Philadelphia, Pa.)	1750		Hardesty, G. (Oklahoma City, Okla.)	1545*	
Nieder, B. (Reading, Pa.)	1848		Hardy, Jack (Dallas, Tex.)	1585*	
Nippel, Norman H. (Houston, Tex.)	1786		Harris, R. D. (Shreveport, La.)	1540*	
Noel, J. S. (Shreveport, La.)	1819		Harwood, B. (Clifton, N.J.)	1530*	
Noonan, Dr. R. (Rochester, N.Y.)	1721		Hayward, Dr. V. S. (Huntington, W.Va.)	1622*	
Norman, Grant E. (Topeka, Kans.)	1837		Hine, Brook (Cleveland, Ohio)	1685	
Northam, J. (Manhattan, Kans.)	1840		Hoover, Z. L. (Montoursville, Pa.)	1685	
Owen, J. C. (Avon, Conn.)	1708		Horend, Paul (Syracuse, N.Y.)	1661*	
Parker, C. L. (Fort Worth, Tex.)	1807		Howard, W. J. (Philadelphia, Pa.)	1696*	
Paukka, A. (Miami, Fla.)	1806*		Huie, Douglas (Dallas, Tex.)	1584*	
Plaforsky, Mrs. G. (Los Angeles, Cal.)	1840		Hunter, E. A. (Baton Rouge, La.)	1652	
Piper, A. D. (Elmira, N.Y.)	1809		Hunter, J. N. (Denison, Tex.)	1435*	
Pisack, W. (Cleveland, O.)	1809		Johnson, Floyd A. (Asheville, N.C.)	1321*	
Popp, J. H. (Haven, Kans.)	1712		Johnson, Melvin (Tulsa, Okla.)	1305*	
Puckett, R. E. Jr. (Richmond, Va.)	1771		Killough, F. (Shreveport, La.)	1486*	
Quinones, Joel S. (San Antonio, Tex.)	1835		Knaur, J. S. Jr. (Fort Worth, Tex.)	1439*	
Raymond, N. (Hartford, Conn.)	1725		Kramer, L. (Wichita, Kan.)	1400*	
Renton, C. A. (Fort Worth, Tex.)	1725*		Legowski, W. (Buffalo, N.Y.)	1472*	
Rhomberg, R. R. (Northford, Conn.)	1747*		Lindgren, I. W. (Tampa, Fla.)	1438*	
Roizen, M. (Buffalo, N.Y.)	1747*		Longenecker, J. vs. (Wichita, Kans.)	1321*	
Rose, Dr. R. M. (Buffalo, N.Y.)	1769*		Mahtoubian, R. (Philadelphia, Pa.)	1064*	
Ruys, Dr. F. C. (Oakland, Cal.)	1775*		Martinko, Paul (E. Chicago, Ind.)	1242	
Ryan, J. P. (Fort Worth, Tex.)	1755*		Maynard, Miles (Oak Ridge, Tenn.)	1473*	
Schick, Edward B. (Ft. Worth, Tex.)	1755*		McNid, R. (Bay City, Mich.)	1473*	
Schiebler, A. R. (Hamburg, Pa.)	1715		Meistrand, Harold (St. Paul, Minn.)	1474	
Schlackman, W. (Brooklyn, N.Y.)	1733*		Millbourne, W. (Bay City, Mich.)	1474*	
Schlosser, Dr. M. (Decatur, Ill.)	1820		Moen, Kenneth (Mahtomedi, Minn.)	1330	
Schwartz, Dr. D. (Dallas, Tex.)	1793		Nearing, Pauline H. (Decatur, Ill.)	1469	
Sciaret, Dominic (Philadelphia, Pa.)	1793		Noble, H. J. (Buffalo, N.Y.)	1421*	
Scott, W. A. (Atlanta, Ga.)	1838		Nuenke, R. (Bay City, Mich.)	1166*	
Seabloom, C. (Columbus, O.)	1771		Paddrick, R. (Jamestown, N.Y.)	1250*	
Seidman, M. (Falls Church, Va.)	1857		Perry, Dr. J. H. (Fredericksburg, Va.)	1460	
Seidman, M. D. (Falls Church, Va.)	1857		Poff, W. B. (Vicksburg, Va.)	1430*	
Semb, Melvin (Winona, Minn.)	1728		Ranlett, Helen (New York, N.Y.)	1489	
Shaw, Jack (Santa Fe, N.M.)	1797		Reagan, J. H. (Fort Worth, Tex.)	1471*	
Shaw, David (Miami, Fla.)	1827		Reishav, Ben (Philadelphia, Pa.)	1510	
Slater, Eric (Akron, Ohio)	1759		Rigler, D. W. (Annapolis, Md.)	1439*	
Slater, Mrs. K. (New York)	1759		Ringler, Esther (Denison, Tex.)	1439*	
Slutsky, L. (New York)	1881*		Schuplein, E. (Miami, Fla.)	1343*	
Solkoff, E. (Raleigh, N.C.)	1706		Schumann, K. F. (Davenport, Ia.)	1412*	
Spitzer, L. (Philadelphia, Pa.)	1835		Scovel, H. W. (Chicago)	1412*	
Spitzler, Lester (Detroit)	1835		Smith, Scott (Salina, Kans.)	1476	
Stahre, K. J. (Delmar, Del.)	1775*		Sprague, R. A. (Philadelphia)	1477*	
Starinkas, J. (So. Boston, Mass.)	1759		Stearns, C. R. (Rapid City, S.D.)	1467	
Stauffer, W. G. (Elizabethtown, Pa.)	1759		Stein, J. R. (Washington, D.C.)	1475*	
Stetzer, D. (Washington, D.C.)	1856		Tom, Merle (Narberth, Pa.)	1175*	
Stiefel, M. (Philadelphia, Pa.)	1719		Trinks, William (Hammond, Ind.)	1355	
Sussman, Sidney X. (Toledo, O.)	1854*		Trumbull, S. L. (Columbus, O.)	1477	
Svensen, Prof. Kester (Norman, Okla.)	1776		Van Dragt, Wm. (Flint, Mich.)	1266	
Swaifach, J. (Sweeney, N.J.)	1845*		Walsh, D. (New Orleans, La.)	1425*	
Tait, Thomas (Philadelphia)	1886*		Waters, Mrs. C. L. (Lubbock, Tex.)	1440	
Tamlow, R. (Fort Worth, Tex.)	1721*		Waters, Earl (Sacramento, Cal.)	1241*	
Taylor, Irwin W. (Salt Lake City)	1797		Werber, Ernest G. (Tampa, Fla.)	1394	
Teitelbaum, Sam (Salt Lake City)	1815*		Willard, W. A. L. Sr. (Bay City, Mich.)	1822*	
Terry, Maj. G. H. B. (Asheville, N.C.)	1707		Wilson, M. M. (Oklahoma City, Okla.)	1343	
Tilley, J. (Baltimore, Md.)	1717		Wood, Jesse (Denver, Colo.)	1546*	
Triffel, W. (Pascagoula, Miss.)	1707		Wright, H. F. (Montreal, Que.)	2058	
Trombley, J. (Shreveport, La.)	1700*		Yascoli, John (Bay City, Mich.)	1374	
Underwood, H. F. (Omaha, Neb.)	1782		CANADIAN, PAN-AMERICAN, FOREIGN		
Underwood, H. C. (Washington, D.C.)	1857		(Players who competed in a rated U. S. Tournament during 1950 or 1951.)		
Underwood, Dr. R. S. (Lubbock, Tex.)	1838		Cohen, M. (Montreal, Que.)	2058	
Unruh, A. E. (Fort Worth, Tex.)	1741*		Euwe, Dr. Max (Holland)	2471	
Vandenburg, V. E. (Lansing, Mich.)	1880		Florida, J. R. (Havana, Cuba)	2180	
Van Fleet, H. C. (Fort Worth, Tex.)	1755*		Fox, Maurice (Montreal, Que.)	2300	
Vogel, R. H. (Tulsa, Okla.)	1808		Gonzales, Dr. J. (Havana, Cuba)	2343	
Voigt, Dr. A. (Borger, Tex.)	1737*		Guimard, C. E. (Argentina)	2501	
Vollmar, Raymond W. (St. Louis, Mo.)	1852		Guze, Max (Montreal, Que.)	2085	
Waag, Louis (Petersburg, N.D.)	1820		Hayer, R. B. (Regina, Sask.)	2004	
Wade, B. (LaGrange, Ga.)	1775		Kagetsu, T. (Toronto, Ont.)	1970	
Wade, Dan (Seattle, Wash.)	1808		Kokurewicz, K. (Toronto, Ont.)	1842*	
Walz, J. G. (Pittsburgh, Pa.)	1808		Le Sage, Bernard (Quebec, Que.)	1636	
Warren, J. G. (Rock Island, Ill.)	1798		Mor, O. (Havana, Cuba)	1781*	
Waters, W. L. (Reading, Mass.)	1808		Morris, Robert (Windsor, Ont.)	1880	
Weaver, F. H. (Seattle, Wash.)	1808		Najdorf, Miguel (Argentina)	2719	
Weiner, Leo (Housatonic, Ill.)	1782*		O'Kelly de Galway, A. (Belgium)	2540	
Weinert, Dr. J. S. (Des Moines, Ia.)	1739		Orkin, H. (Montreal, Que.)	1542	
Weininger, J. L. (Chapel Hill, N.C.)	1758		Ridout, Howard F. (Toronto, Ont.)	2078	
Wertheim, M. (N.Y.)	1758		Siemms, R. E. (Toronto, Ont.)	2144	
White, R. E. (Fort Worth, Tex.)	1823		*Provisional ratings—see explanation in foreword.		
Wiencke, Ted (Milwaukee, Wis.)	1701*		NEW COMMITTEE		
Wilcock, W. (Jamestown, N.Y.)	1738		FOR TOURNAMENTS		
Winton, W. O. (Georgetown, Del.)	1730*		USCF President Harold M. Phillips has announced the reorganization of the USCF Tournament Committee with a number of new appointments. George E. Roosevelt remains as Chairman of the enlarged committee with Hans Knoch serving as secretary. Other members are: Alexander Bisno, William M. Byland, Hermann Helms, Dr. Ralph Kuhns, E. Forry Laucks, Alfred C. Ludwig, Arthur Nickel, William Slater, and Willard A. Widney.		
Wuelfing, A. R. (Fort Worth, Tex.)	1840*		The reorganized committee faces a busy season from the start, with the almost immediate need of official determination of the U. S. representatives at the World Championship Candidates.		
Ziegler, C. R. (Allentown, Pa.)	1858				

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Altman, J. (Brooklyn, N.Y.)	1659*		Spinn, J. G. (Norman, Okla.)	1668	
Anderson, A. (Jamestown, N.Y.)	1665		Speck, Sgt. R. (Ill.)	1506	
Andra, R. (Chicago, Ill.)	1574*		Spencer, E. C. (Buffalo, N.Y.)	1585*	
Baldwin, Marvin (Iowa)	1601		Swanson, W. (Fort Worth, Tex.)	1568*	
Barwick, E. (Lansing, Mich.)	1639		Terry, Thomas W. (Milwaukee)	1623	
Beer, F. (Pittsburgh, Pa.)	1564*		Teufel, Hugo Jr. (Wichita, Kans.)	1689	
Bender, M. (Mechanicsburg, Pa.)	1564*		Theis, D. E. (Evergreen, Colo.)	1587	
Bernhart, Arthur (Norman, Okla.)	1660*		Thompson, O. D. (Borger, Tex.)	1622*	
Bervan, Thomas J. (Tulsa, Okla.)	1530		Vandana, K. (Clanton, Pa.)	1618	
Blachford, R. M. (Detroit)	1650*		Virgin, Jerry (Tulsa, Okla.)	1618	
Bleich, J. (Buffalo, N.Y.)	1655*		Wald, K. J. (Buffalo, N.Y.)	1663*	
Blood, J. A. (Manhattan, Kans.)	1556		Walker, Col. D. F. (Fort Worth, Tex.)	1641	
Bly, Frank (Fort Worth, Tex.)	1683*		Wallace, H. (Smithfield, N.C.)	1641	
Brogden, W. B. (Winter Haven, Fla.)	1501		Wallis, J. (St. Louis, Mo.)	1601	
Burreson, Zina (Sheboygan, Wis.)	1697		Washburn, R. L. (Miami, Fla.)	1535	
Carter, R. D. (Elmwood, Ind.)	1592		Waterman, C. (Amesbury, Mass.)	1690	
Cerda, G. (Del Rio, Tex.)	1536*		Watson, Mrs. E. N. (Fort Worth, Tex.)	1628	
Church, N. B. (Miami, Fla.)	1675		Wattenmaker, N. (Lansdowne, Pa.)	1654*	
Cleere, C. (Fort Worth, Tex.)	1512*		Weaver, E. F. (Corpus Christi, Tex.)	1649	
Cloud, W. (New Orleans, La.)	1597*		Weberg, Ken. (Salina, Kans.)	1545	
Clyatt, H. (Decatur, Ill.)	1565*		Weinstein, J. (Buffalo, N.Y.)	1695	
Cohan, M. (Bayonne, N.J.)	1635*		Weinstein, L. (Shreveport, La.)	1590	
Cohen, Ronnie (Sunbury, Pa.)	1682*		Welsh, A. (Battle Creek, Mich.)	1606	
			Wetstein, R. E. (Appletown, Wis.)	1548	
			Whitfield, C. B. (Tulsa, Okla.)	1658	
			Whitlow, D. L. (Denver, Colo.)	1676	
			Widney, W. A. (New York)	1588	
			Williams, Mrs. D. A. (Ferguson, Mo.)	1679	
			Winters, Paul (Bald Eagle, Minn.)	1558	

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SICILIAN DEFENSE

Rochester (N.Y.) City Championship
Rochester, 1952

Notes by Erich W. Marchand

White F. KRAMER Black E. MARCHAND
1. P-K4 P-QB4 4. KtXP Kt-B3
2. Kt-KB3 Kt-QB3 5. KtXP Kt-B3
3. P-Q4 PXP
There are several disadvantages to this move. White loses a tempo since he exchanges a piece which has moved twice for one that has moved only once. Secondly by capturing with the KtP Black will strengthen his center and also open a line for development of his QB. In addition the P at QB3 controls not only Q4 but also QR4.

White is alert to his only chance, queening the QRP.

There is a well-known rule in the Sicilian to the effect that, if Black can play P-Q4 without being immediately punished, then he has equalized.

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An unpleasant decision. It is rather important not to give up B for Kt since the game is becoming very open so that the Bs will have great scope.

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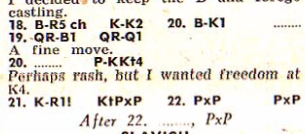
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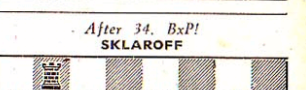
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Alekhine's Career

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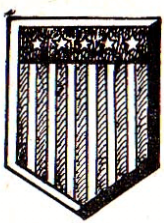
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RESHEVSKY LEADS TOURNEY

KOELSCH WINS IN MINNESOTA

Once again Dr. Giles A. Koelsche of Rochester won the Minnesota State Championship with 6½-½ in a 37 player 7 round Swiss, drawing one game with runner-up Curt Brasket of Tracy. Brasket was second with 5½-1½, drawing with Koelsche, Frank Cabot and Geo. S. Barnes. Third to sixth on S-B points with equal 5-2 scores were Frank Cabot, Sam Idlekoff, Robert Ott and P. Narveson. Former State Champion G. S. Barnes, showing lack of usual form, was eighth with 4½-2½.

The championship was played at the Minneapolis Chess & Checker Club which contributed much strength to the field in the number of strong players from the club who entered the event. It was conducted by the Minnesota State Chess Association and directed by E. J. Miller.

CLAYTON TOPS N. J. COLLEGIATE

The first New Jersey Intercollegiate Championship, sponsored by the State Chess Federation was held at Rutgers University. Robert Clayton of Montclair Teachers College won the event 3-1, losing one game to runner-up Robert Coughlin of Seton Hall. Coughlin with 2-2 placed second of S-B points, while Walter Stephen and George Dawkins, both of Princeton, tied for third, also with 2-2.

The winner received a trophy, while both winner and runner-up were awarded USCF memberships; the third place winners received book prizes. One USCF membership and the book prizes were donated by State Champion Edgar McCormick.

MAHER TRIUMPHS IN CHALLENGERS

Lawrence Maher of Moline won the Tri-City Challengers' Tourney with a 5-0 score, entitling him to a title match with Tri-City (Davenport, Moline, Rock Island) Champion Karl Wiegmann. Second on S-B points with 4-1 in the 15 player Swiss was Russell Schultz of Davenport with one loss to Maher. Henry Jeffrey of Rock Island, also with 4-1, was third, losing one game to Schultz. John Warren and Dr. F. D. Wilson tied for fourth on S-B points with equal 3-2 scores.

DuVALL TAKES SO. CHARLESTON

Once again Allen T. DuVall of St. Albans triumphed in the South Charleston (W. Va.) Open Championship conducted by the Carbide Chess Club. Losing no games, but conceding draws to runner-up Harold W. Liggett and Edward M. Foy, DuVall scored 8-1 in the round robin event. Harold Liggett with 7½-1½ was second, drawing with DuVall and losing a game to John F. Hurt. Hurt placed third with 7-2, losing games to DuVall and William F. Hartling, who placed fourth with 6-3. Dave Marples, who began well, had his score cancelled when he was forced to withdraw for a more pressing engagement with the U.S. Marine Corps.

CHESS COLUMN IN ARGONAUT

After 66 years, the *Argonaut*, published in San Francisco, has added a chess column, edited by Dr. H. J. Ralston, already the editor of the excellent California Chess Reporter. This weekly feature of the *Argonaut* magazine recalls the fact that sixty-eight years ago in the issue of January 5, 1884 of this same *Argonaut* began a chess column edited by J. Fenimore Welsh, which was probably the first regular chess column on the Pacific Coast. Mr. Welsh was succeeded by J. E. Tippet who conducted the column until March 6, 1886 when the feature was discontinued, to be revived on February 8, 1952 under the skilled direction of Dr. Ralston.

Contributions in game scores, original problems and news items are requested by the editor, who may be addressed: Dr. H. J. Ralston, The *Argonaut*, 544 Market Street, San Francisco, Calif.

102 ENTRIES IN PHILA EVENT

The Philadelphia Metropolitan Championship tournament, under the auspices of the Philadelphia Chess League and directed by Penna. State Champion William A. Ruth, is currently being played with 102 entrants contending for the title.

The preliminaries, in groups of 6, are being held at the various clubs, to determine those qualified to enter the semi-finals, two from each section. In the semi-finals, the players will be again divided into groups, with only the player with the highest score in each section entering the finals. A final round robin event will determine the championship.

MARCHAND WINS ROCHESTER CITY

Victory in the Rochester (N. Y.) City Championship went to CHESS LIFE Games Editor Erich W. Marchand with 7-0. Former City Champion Dr. Max J. Herzberger was second with 5-2, losing one game to Marchand and drawing with Fred Kramer and Thomas R. Noonan. Allan Candee and Fred Kramer tied for third with 4½-2½, while Thomas R. Noonan placed fifth with 3½-3½.

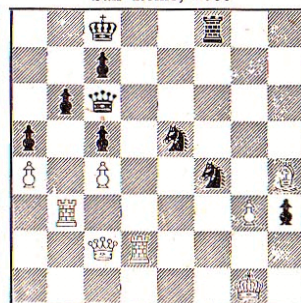
SIEMMS LEADS AT TORONTO

By besting Frank Anderson and then the hitherto undefeated Z. L. Sarosy, Ross Siemms has taken the lead in the Toronto City tourney with 4½-½. The 16-year-old student is followed by Avery and Sarosy with 4-1 each, then Anderson and Lidacis with 3½-1½.

ELLIS HOLDS LEAD AT NAMPA

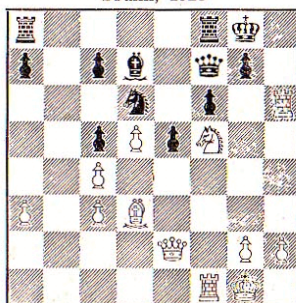
As the Nampa City Championship draws to a close, A. B. Ellis holds the lead with 33-1, followed by Jerry Stanke with 31½-4½ and John English 28½-5½. Thirteen players are competing in the multiple round event.

Position No. 77
Bogolyubov vs. Monticelli
San Remo, 1930



2k2r2, 2p5, 1p45, 1p133,
PIP21E, 1R4P, 2QR4, 6KI
Black to play and win

Position No. 78
Samisch vs. Engel
Brunn, 1928



rk1, 1p1b1p1, 3s1p1R, 2pPs2,
2P5, PIPB4, 4Q1PP, 5KI
White to play and win

Finish It The Clever Way!

Conducted by Edmund Nash

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YEARS ago when I first played over Position No. 77 I was dazzled no end. Recently I enjoyed discovering the solution; there is a mate in four.

Position No. 78 was submitted by Hugh Underwood of Washington, D.C. It is one of several positions he selected from the excellent chess column appearing every Saturday in the sports section of the Christian Science Monitor. There is a mate in six (in one variation, a pretty mate in four).

For solutions please turn to page Four.

COUTURE THANKS THOSE WHO AIDED

William J. Couture, well-known problemist and correspondence chess player, whose difficulties with the law have been related, has requested CHESS LIFE to publish upon his behalf the following note of thanks, since he is at present unable to acknowledge personally his gratitude to each individual:

"Chess players and friends:

"Many thanks for your kind help in donations for my case; the trial is set for March 18th and I hope I can prove my innocence here.

"I have names of those who helped me, and in all earnest I'll reimburse you once I am free. Nice to have such real friends.

"Looking at the dark side of life; if I am given time, I'll go to prison and try my hardest to bury my sorrows in chess. I am 38 years old, and after serving nine and a half years, my constitution really cannot stand much more.

"Thanking Montgomery Major, who was instrumental in my seeking aid, and the following: Mr. H. C. Leonard, Mr. George Smith, Mr. John J. White, Mr. Carl Diesen, Dr. Norman Hornstein, Mr. A. E. Hoerchner, Mr. Waldo Waters, Mr. Ben Wong, Mr. Dave Lee, Mr. Ed Ludlow, Mr. Julius and George Partos, Mr. Don Dyal, Mr. Ray Hiscoc, Rev. Arthur E. Beck, Dr. H. J. Ralston, Mr. Paul James, Mr. J. H. Duitman, Mr. MacAdams, Mr. M. Heinrich, Mr. Charles Castonquay, Mr. Wm. H. Pico, Mrs. Larry Dyson, Mr. Edgar Holladay, Mr. Fred A. Pearson, I am grateful.

"Yours chessfully,
WM. J. COUTURE"

KANSAS U TOPS BIG 7 TOURNEY

The Big Seven Conference held its first chess tourney at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln. Unfavorable weather cut participation to four schools, but it was an adequate beginning with two players each from the four colleges in a round robin event that determined the individual and school titles. Due to the deadline on Saturday, not all games were played, but the omissions did not affect the final standings.

Kansas University topped with 3-0 in matches and 8½-1½ in games. Second went to Nebraska University with 2-1 and 6½-4½. Colorado University was third with 1-2 and 5½-6½, while Kansas State College scored 0-3 and 1½-9½.

GEORGI TRIUMPHS IN BIG 7 MEET

Scoring for the individual honors, Georgi of Kansas University scored 5-0 in the Big Seven Chess Tourney. Second place went to Pupols of Nebraska University with 4½-½ while Marhugh of Kansas scored 3½-1½ for third and Barglow of Colorado University 3½-2½ for fourth.

The winning team was awarded a traveling trophy, while the individual winner was given a symbolic key as token of victory.

WHAT HAS HAPPENED
To The
3-YEAR CYCLE PLAN
For The
U. S. CHAMPIONSHIP?
See Page Two

NAJDORF IN TIE FOR 2ND PLACE

By defeating Carlos Guimard in the 15th round, Samuel Reshevsky climbed into first place, with 12-3. In the 5th round Reshevsky was upset by Arturito Pomar, and has drawn four games, one with Gligoric, another with Toran.

Tied for second with 11-3 are Miguel Najdorf, who held the early lead, Nicholas Rossolimo, and Svetozar Gligoric. Rossolimo scored a 4th round victory over Najdorf.

Close behind these are Erich Eliskases with 11-4 and U. S. Champion Larry Evans with 10-4. Evans lost to Reshevsky in the 1st round and Gligoric in the 5th, but has played steadily since, upsetting Dr. Edward Lasker in a 102 move battle.

Also in the running is I. A. Horowitz with 9-4, who suffered only one outright loss—to Reshevsky in the 14th round. Horowitz has drawn six games, one in the first round against Najdorf.

So as round 16 begins the pattern follows closely the prediction of USCF Rating Statistician Kenneth Markness.

GAMBIT TOPS TORONTO LEAGUE

The Gambit Chess Club won the premier section of the Toronto Chess League 4½-1½, losing and drawing with its rival the Ukrainian Chess Club in the double round team event. The Estonians and Ukrainians tied for first place in the intermediate section, while the Estonians won the minor section.

In the Toronto City Championship P. Avery holds the slim lead of 3-0, closely followed by F. A. Anderson, G. Lorentz and Ross Siemms with 2½-½ each. Lorentz and Siemms drew against each other in the third round.

BASS, PETTIGREW TIE AT VA. UNIV.

Walter A. Bass, present Virginia State Champion, and T. Frazer Pettigrew, president of Southern Intercollegiate Chess Ass'n, each scored 7½-1½ to become co-champions of the University of Virginia. Bass lost to James Burn and drew with T. Y. Mullins, while Pettigrew lost to Bass and drew with Locke. James Burn, who defeated Bass but lost to Pettigrew and Phil Kilvoord, placed third with 7-2, while Kilvoord was fourth. T. Y. Mullins was fifth with 5½-3½. Bass, Pettigrew, Kilvoord and Mullins composed the team which won last year's Southern Intercollegiate Team Championship.

COMMITTEE SETS DATES FOR OPEN

The local tournament committee at Tampa has set tentative dates for the annual U.S. Open as July 12-26 at the Floridian Hotel in Tampa. It is possible that these dates may be modified to a shorter span of July 14-25 before they are officially confirmed. Details of this event will be announced later, but players may well reserve the announced two weeks in July for attendance at the U.S. Open.

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REGARDING THE VANISHING U. S. CHAMPIONSHIP

IN THIS issue we publish a letter by Mr. Jack Soudakoff in which he offers several suggestions about planning for the next U. S. Championship Tournament. These suggestions would merit consideration, if it were not for the fact that a very definite plan for the U. S. Championship has been evolved and approved by a succession of Boards of Directors, and only awaits the delayed action of the U. S. Championship Tournament Committee to become effective.

It has been so long since this plan of a three-year cycle for the U. S. Championship was announced in CHESS LIFE (April 5, 1950) that chess players may well be pardoned if they have completely forgotten the details or even the fact that such a plan was approved by two successive USCF Boards of Directors after its conception and organization by a special committee appointed to present recommendations.

For almost a year the Editor of CHESS LIFE under the constant pressure of letters from chess players has been reminding both USCF President Harold M. Phillips and the U. S. Tournament Committee of the necessity of implementing this plan in the immediate future, if the scheme of the three-year cycle is to be effectively organized. The Editor has received numerous promises that the first phase of the three-year cycle would be announced, but to date these promises have not been fulfilled.

Therefore, it becomes obvious that the danger exists today of the three-year cycle being discarded (for all the fact that it was decreed specifically by two different USCF Boards of Directors) on the excuse that time (after these interminable delays) no longer permits the operation of the cycle. The alternative could be another invitational tournament despite the pledge of all former USCF Officials that after the 1951 U. S. Championship event, no other invitational championship tournament would be held.

If the membership of the Federation desires a fulfillment of the original pledge for a three-year cycle for the U. S. Championship as specifically ordained by the votes of two different Boards of Directors, the remedy lies in their hands.

The members can express by letter to USCF President Harold M. Phillips the demand that President Phillips fulfill the obligation of his office in implementing the resolutions of the USCF Boards of Directors in regard to the three-year cycle of the Championship. The U. S. Tournament Committee, which has now had almost two years in which to study the outline of the plan, can scarcely plead that it has not had sufficient time for consideration; and the Tournament Committee would scarcely resist the wishes of the membership at large, if their wishes were expressed with sufficient firmness and clarity.

If the membership of the Federation desires a plan for the Championship in which players must qualify by preliminary events, it is now the opportunity of the membership to make these wishes known by writing to President Phillips demanding no further delay in implementing a plan that should have been set in motion a full year ago.

If the membership is indifferent to the issue, it can remain silent. But then it must accept with equanimity any form of invitational championship event which may be thrust upon it in the future.

That the members may know (since they scarcely can now be expected to remember), we reprint the more pertinent passages from an article by former USCF President Paul G. Giers in which the basic outline of the plan is given in detail. This outline appeared in CHESS LIFE on April 5, 1950, and its provisions were intended to be placed in effect in 1951:

The principal provision of the new tournament procedure is that we will, starting in 1951, have a three-year cycle of national title competition culminating each third year in the Championship finals. This system will operate as follows:

1951—State or Regional Competition

In accordance with rules to be formulated later this year, there will be state or regional competition, and every state or regional champion emerging from such tournaments will qualify for participation in the 1952 Candidates' Tournament.

1952—Candidates' Tournament

This tournament, organized by the USCF, will be open for the following three groups of qualified players:

1. The second (middle) one-third of those who participated in the 1950 Championship, as referred to below. (Seven to be considered one-third of twenty.)
2. All 1951 State or Regional Champions.
3. Five players to be selected by the Championship Committee, to take care of prominent players who for any reason did not participate in the 1950 and/or 1951 contests.

1953—U. S. Championship

These four groups of qualified players will have the right to participate in the championship finals:

1. The top one-third of the 1950 Championship participants. (Seven to be considered one-third of twenty.)
2. The current Open Champion and the winners of the two preceding U. S. Open Championship Tournaments, if not already entitled to participate under other provisions.
3. Two players to be selected by the Championship Committee.
4. As many of the top group of the 1952 Candidates' Tourney as there

will be additional places available to bring the total number of finalists up to twenty players.
It is only as a necessary and on-time expedient that the 1950 U. S. Championship will be held on an invitational basis. What is more important is that we will now have a new long-range system of national tournament competition which takes into account the interests of the masters, the younger talent, and the chess players of the nation at large.

So it was planned; but whether the dream becomes reality depends upon the wishes of the members of the Federation and their ability to overcome the obstructionism that has so far rendered this progressive concept futile.

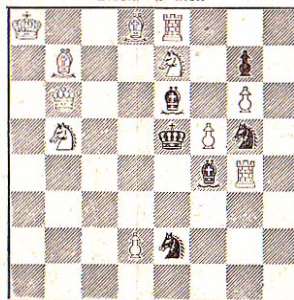
Montgomery Major

Mate The Subtle Way!

by Vincent L. Eaton

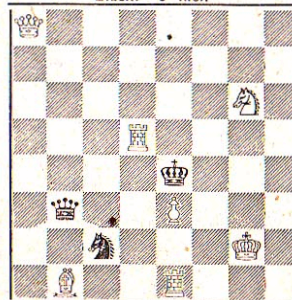
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Problem No. 315
By Richard Kujoth
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
First Publication
Black: 6 men



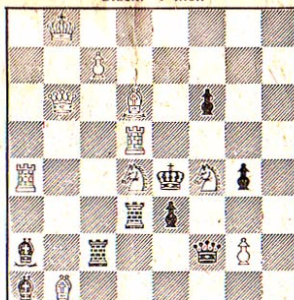
White: 11 men
K2BR3, 1B2S1p1, 1Q2b1P1,
1S2kP1, 5bR1, 8, 3P3, 8
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 316
By B. J. de C. Andrade
First Prize, Stratford Express
1945
Black: 3 men



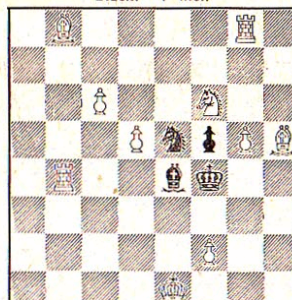
White: 7 men
Q7, 8, 6S1, 3R4, 4K3,
1Q2P3, 2S3K1, 1B2R3
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 317
By A. Ellerman
First Prize, Algemeen Handelsblad
1916
Black: 9 men



White: 10 men
1K6, 2P5, 1Q1B1p2, 3R4,
R2SkP1, 3P3, 1B2Qp1, b3b
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 318
By J. Hartong
The Problemist
December, 1932
Black: 4 men



White: 10 men
1B4R1, 8, 2P2S2, 3PspPb,
1B2bK2, 8, 5P2, 4K3
White mates in three moves

For solutions to previously published problems, please turn to page six.

The Reader's Road To Chess

By Kester Svendsen

PAN-AMERICAN CHESS CONGRESS, HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, JULY 28-AUGUST 12, 1945. Edited by Jack Spence. Published by the Nebraska Chess Association. Vol. IV, American Tournament Series. Mimeographed. Pp. ix, 43. Order from Jack Spence, 208 South 25th Street, Omaha, Neb.; \$2.00.

THE tournament book of the Hollywood Pan-American is a welcome addition to Editor Spence's valuable series. Reshevsky (winner), Fine, Horowitz, Kashdan, Steiner, Adams, and Seidman were the United States players, with Pilnik, Rossetto, Araiza, Cruz, Broderman, and Camarena (the back-marker) supplying the international competition. A few game scores were lost, but 39 of the 78 played are annotated and all that were available are here. Annotations by several of America's leading masters, including Fine and Reshevsky, complete a critical apparatus that offers indexes, round-by-round reports, biographical data, and an introduction. The volume fills a real need, for only a dozen or so games were reported in the magazines.

The mimeographing is good, with few misprints and fairly clear and sharp inking. In many ways this is the best of the four tournament books issued by Mr. Spence, who now has his eye on the 1946 and 1951 U. S. Championships, as well as a some older events like New York 1931 and Bradley Beach 1929. The specimen quoted is described in the notes as one of the best games in the tournament.

Albin Counter Gambit. White: H. Rossetto, Black: Weaver Adams. 1. P-Q4, P-Q4 2. N-KB3, N-QB3; 3. P-B4, P-K4; 4. Q-PxP, P-Q5; 5. P-QR3, P-QR4; 6. P-KN3, B-K3; 7. Q-Q3, Q-B4; 8. B-N2, KN-K2; 9. B-N5, P-KR3; 10. BxN, Qx8; 11. O-O, O-O; 12. QN-Q2, KR-Q1; 13. QR-Q1, P-R5; 14. Q-K4, R-R4; 15. N-K1, Q-Q2; 16. N-Q3, B-B4; 17. Q-B4, B-K2; 18. BxN, Px8; 19. N-B3, P-B4; 20. P-R4, R-R3; 21. K-R2, R-QN3; 22. R-QN1, KR-N1; 23. Q-Q2, Q-K3; 24. KR-B1, P-N4; 25. R-B2, Q-N3; 26. Pxp Q-Rch; 27. K-N2, Q-Rch; 28. K-N1, Pxp; 29. P-QN1, R-KR3; 30. N-R4, B-K5; 31. P-B3, QxPch; 32. N-N2, R-R7; 33. N-K1, K-N2; 34. P-K3, R/1-KR1; 35. K-B1, P-Q6; 36. Nxp, QxPch; 37. K-K1, R-R8 mate.

If the student forces himself to examine all moves that smite, however absurd they may look at first glance, he is on the way to becoming a master of tactics.

—PURDY

Chess Life In New York

By Eliot Hearst

MILTON Hanauer, retiring champion of the Marshall C. C. who did not compete in this year's championship tourney, recently provided a most entertaining evening at the club when he (1) conducted a chess quiz, (2) distributed this year's tournament prizes and then (3) took on 21 opponents in a simultaneous exhibition. Quite a lot of work for one chessmaster!

The quiz itself was based on Hanauer's fine win over Bernstein in the last U. S. Championships; at various points in the replay of this game, play was interrupted and questions asked by Hanauer with different points awarded for "good, better, and best" moves suggested as answers. Art Damon, ex-member of the Syracuse U. chess team, proved his superiority in the contest, emerging a clear winner by four points over his nearest competitor; a well-known chess text was his award. Then Hanauer introduced the 1951-1952 prize-winners and presented the cash awards due them—1. E. Hearst, 2. J. Sherwin, 3 & 4. J. Collins and J. Donovan, 5. B. Hill, 6 & 7. F. Howard and A. Santasiere. In addition Marshall toastmaster Louis Wolff had additional rewards for the first two named—blue ties decorated with small lions, symbolic of their Columbia University status! The exhibition followed and, despite the usual strong competition in such events at the Marshall, Hanauer finished with 16 wins, 2 losses, and 3 draws—a fine score.

The New York Herald Tribune a few weeks ago printed a small article on page one describing the "urging of Soviet chess leaders to eliminate the capitalistic names—'king and queen'—and replace them by more 'socialistic' titles like 'stakhanovite', the Soviet term for high-production worker." This story was of course of interest to all N. Y. chessplayers, and it is not uncommon to hear "Mate to the Stakhanovite" or "Vive le stakhanovite" shouted derisively in local chess circles now! Dr. Buschke has pointed out to me however, that there is not even a "queen" in the Russian chess vocabulary, their equivalent for our queen being a male (ferz). So perhaps the news report was a bit unreliable!

Dr. Buschke also included in his letter a few more facts about 3-dimensional chess which may be of interest to our readers. Not a new invention at all, he says; in 1907-8 a Hamburg doctor, Ferdinand Maack, wrote books about his development of this complicated variant of chess and issued several numbers of a special magazine on "Raumschach" as he called it. Dr. Buschke isn't certain as to whether there is still a "Raumschach Movement" in Germany today, but he mentions that a French book published last year by Boyer on variations of chess includes Maack's invention in addition to several other forms of chess in three or even four dimensions. The late renowned problemist Dawson actually composed five "Raumschach" problems for his "Caisa's Fairy Tales." Even the "Chess Amateur" for 1925-7 has many articles on Space Chess. Thanks to Dr. Buschke for uncovering this data; it clears up many points about the vague origin of this complex offspring of the Royal Game.

IN BRIEF: In the current club championship of the London Terrace C. C., defending champ Dr. R. C. Slater leads with 5-1 while H. M. Phillips 3-1, Marcel Duchamp and Howard Grossman 2½-2½ are still in the running. A consolation tourney is also being played. . . . The Manhattan C. Championship has not progressed much since our last writing; Kramers, 10½-½, is well on his way to (Please turn to page 5, col. 2)

Another Caesar Crosses the Rubicon

By William Rojarm

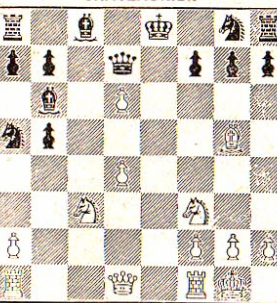
WHEN in December 5th issue, we presented the novel Rubicon Variation of the Evans Gambit as exemplified in the correspondence game, Dr. M. G. Sturm vs. Lee Magee, we did not anticipate seeing another example of this exciting variation in such a short space of time. However, in the most recent issue of the *Nirgendwo Patfmachen*, we discovered the brilliant victory of Dr. Caesar Dummkopf over Prof. Etienne Chateaurien at the sextangular tourney at Bad-Bedurfen. Because of the spectacular finish—a striking example of Philidor's Legacy, this game was awarded a special prize by Herr Dr. Sarg, who remarked wittily (I translate freely): "A pfennig for your thought."

EVANS GAMBIT—RUBICON VARIATION

Albrecht Pauken Gedenkturnier
Bad-Bedurfen, 1952

White	Black
1. P-K4	7. O-O
2. Kt-KB3	8. P-K3
3. B-B4	9. Kt-B3
4. P-Q4	10. B-KK5
5. P-B3	11. B-K4
6. P-Q4	12. P-Q5
12.	13. PxB

After 13..... PxB
CHATEAURIEN



DUMMKOPF

Here in the game Sturm-Magee, there followed 13..... P-B3; 14. R-K1 ch, K-B2; 15. Q-K2, Q-Q1; 16. QxP, Kt-B3; 17. Q-Q5 ch, K-B1; 18. B-B4 and a very lively game ensued (CHESS LIFE, December 5, 1951).

U.S.C.F. Life Members

SINCE Our last report in these pages, we wish to welcome the following new LIFE MEMBERS of the United States Chess Federation:

Francis Crouf
San Jose, Calif.
A. Wyatt Jones
Shreveport, La.
Dr. Max Schlosser
Decatur, Ill.
Wild Goose Schroeder
West Bend, Wis.

The Kibitzer Has His Day

From the Editor's Mail Bag

Dear Mr. Major,

Regarding Mr. Kmoch's letter to Chess Life in the February 5 issue in which he (1) levels broadsides and epithets at me; (2) questions my motivation in criticising his official acts in connection with the selection of players for the U.S. Championship Tournament; (3) fancies himself accused of bribery; and finally (4) pleads mistaken identity.

(1) I will disregard the broadsides and epithets. However I would like to point out that in my letter to him of October 20, 1951 which Mr. Kmoch described as "arrogant" I wrote: "I am not interested in acrimonious personal controversy, but I am interested in correcting a bad situation." That statement still holds.

(2) As for my motivation: The record will bear me out that I have not asked for any personal consideration beyond what I have earned through my tournament record, as reflected in my USCF rating. What I object to is an ill-defined system of selection, which casually disregarded the only established objective ranking, and in effect made it expedient to kowtow to an individual as a prerequisite to a tournament invitation.

(3) The suggestion that I might have considered Mr. Kmoch guilty of bribery is patently false, and I daresay he never should have raised the issue.

(4) The plea of mistaken identity does not seem to hold water either, for Mr. Kmoch appears to be the key man of American chess. He has been identified as Vice-President of the USCF, Tournament Director, and Secretary of the Tournament Committee. He was the spokesman for the Federation's apologetic entitled "U.S. Chess Championship Tournament," which appeared in Chess Life in January 5, 1952.

To proceed to something constructive: I respectfully suggest consideration of the following five point draft proposal to serve as the framework for the conduct of future national championship tournaments. I believe it is the next step called for in the evolution of a true merit system in American chess.

(1) Selection of eligibles: (a) the top players in the past championship, not to exceed in number one third of the contestants in the new tournament; (b) the highest ranking players in the latest published USCF Rating Scale

(2) Canvassing for availability: (a) all eligibles to be canvassed for availability by mail three months prior to the tournament; (b) eligibles to be required to reply within two weeks; (c) responsibility of keeping the tournament committee informed of the correct address and telephone number to rest with eligibles.

(3) Invitations: (a) to be based according to ranking from among eligibles who indicated availability; (b) invitations to be extended by mail two months prior to the tournament; (c) acceptances to be required within two weeks.

(4) Substitutions: (a) to be based according to ranking from among remaining eligibles who indicated availability; (b) invitations to be extended one month prior to the tournament; (c) acceptances to be required within two weeks; (c) last minute substitutions, if necessary, to be made according to ranking after a diligent effort has been made to contact eligibles who have previously indicated availability.

(5) Rating system: There should be a continuous effort to improve and refine the Rating System which will be the cornerstone of the system and which will serve as an instrument for measuring the skill and relative performance of all rated American chess players.

JACK SOUDAKOFF
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

Quite a sane, progressive editorial in your issue of February 20th—"Speaking of Intolerance." It is soundly democratic, the use of the small "d" being intentional. Congratulations.

LEONAD FONDILLER
New York City, N.Y.

July 3-6
Southern Chess Ass'n
Championship
Meridian, Miss.

Open event; Swiss tourney; prizes; at Great Southern Hotel under auspices of Meridian Chess Club; details later.

Guest Book Review

ADVENTURES IN COMPOSITION, by Comins Mansfield, new revised edition, 200 diagrams, with a foreword by Alain White; \$2.50.

FASCINATION OF CHESS PROBLEMS (Im Banne des Schachproblems), by Dr. Eric Zepler, Southampton, and Dr. Ado Kraemer, Wurzburg, published by Walter de Gruyter & Co., 222 diagrams, in German, with a foreword in English, available shortly; \$2.00.

THE FIRST book, which is now available to the public, since the first edition was strictly limited and priced at \$10, is in the great English composer and two-move specialist's own inimitable clear style, introducing the solver and even player into the wonderful of the actual problem making. Not only are there valuable hints on how to go about attacking the solution of a problem, but also what the idea of problem composers is, and how they go about putting it on the chess board. Certainly this is an eye-opener to the hit-and-miss solver, as well as to the budding composer, by one of the world's leading authorities.

The second book contains a selection of the best problems of two life-long friends, whom fate had parted, and who are today acknowledged leaders of the strategic and logical school of problem thought. Their eminence is emphasized by the amazing technical skill to master the most difficult ideas in lovely open and simple form. Their idea in putting together this collection, which contains many famous prize-winning positions, was to avoid theoretic discussion, which fatigues many problem friends, and rather emphasize the beauty and artistry of these compositions. No knowledge of German is required for this book, which is dedicated to the memory of our own beloved Alain White, since the English foreword gives the reader sufficient insight into the general contents.

Both books are available from the reviewer at 41-26 73rd Street, Jackson Heights, New York; but there is a little wait for the latter one.

ERIC M. HASSBERG

CHESS DURING 1947-1949 (In Russian), Collection edited by V. V. Ragozin, Moscow, 1951. 459 pages, half cloth; \$5.00. May be ordered from A. Buschke, 80 East 11th Street, New York 3, N. Y.

THOSE who are familiar with the Russian Chess Yearbooks (Ezhgodniki) which were published for 1932-1935 and for 1936, will be delighted to know that this valuable series now seems to find a continuation. The present volume, in accordance with its title, covers the chess events inside and outside of Soviet Russia, in the years 1947-1949; the very fact that this period includes the year 1948 when Botvinnik brought the Chess Championship of the World to Russia by winning the Match-Tournament, Hague-Moscow (of which, incidentally, an "authentic" Russian book copiously annotated by Paul Keres, \$5.00, was recently received in this country), was of course almost enough justification for the renewal of the series of "yearbooks."

In fact, the very first pages are devoted to a reprint of Botvinnik's articles on this Match-Tournament, which were originally published in the Russian illustrated magazine "Ogonyok," and in abbreviated translation in "Moscow News" and Purdy's "Chess World;" the passages omitted from the English version and including also the episode relating to what Botvinnik considers "misconduct" on Reshevsky's part during a critical game, are all reestablished.

There follows a section of well annotated games (altogether 131, of which the first 103, including 8 from the 1948 World Championship, are games in which Russian players participated), a historical and analytical section, including an article by Rokhlin on "Chigorin in our times," an article, p. 290-310, by Kan about the Sicilian, a long article by Keres, p. 310-336, on the difficult endgame Q and P against Q, and an article by Ragozin on different questions of opening theory. On Pages 355-398 we find a remarkable article by Korolkov on Soviet endgame composition, followed, on p. 398-417, by a richly illustrated article by Baturin on a "New Theme in the Two-Mover." The rest of the book is devoted to a report on Problem Compositions in 1947-1949, a statistical "supplements" and indices.

The book is printed on surprisingly good white paper, and even the "language barrier" should not scare people away from it; the algebraic notation, in which the book of course is printed, can really be mastered easily.

A. BUSCHKE

For The Tournament-Minded

March 1-July 31

CCLA Special Tournament Correspondence Chess

Open to all; CCLA membership not required; 3 round correspondence tourney with top players in each section advancing without further fees into next round; entry fee per section \$1.50; player may enter as many sections of Rd 1 as he wishes, but no player can win more than one prize or advance to more than one final section; entries accepted up to April 31; cash prizes beginning with \$100.00 for winner, \$75.00 for second while 6th through 50th place win \$3.00 cash or \$5.00 in credits toward book or equipment purchases; for details or entry write: Dick Rees, CCLA Secretary, 2826 Correctionville Road, Sioux City 5, Iowa; make checks payable to Correspondence Chess League of America.

March 29-30

Washington State Junior Championship

Open to juniors; Swiss event; begins 9:00 a.m. at Assembly Hotel, Seattle; entry fee \$1.00 (50c to WCF members); for details write: Tournament Director Charles Joachim, 2712 Fir St., Seattle 22, Wash.

April 4-6

North Carolina Championship

Open to No. Car. players only; at Lion's Club Hut, Guess Road; 6 round Swiss; begins at 7:00 p.m. Friday April 4; prizes; membership in NCCA required; a rated tournament; for details, write: S. A. Agnello, 917 Burch Ave., Durham, N.C., tournament director.

May 17-18

Indiana State Championship

Begins at Barnes Hotel, Logansport, Ind. 7:00 p.m. Saturday, May 17; five round Swiss; open to all Indiana residents including students attending Indiana schools; first place ties decided in round robin, otherwise S-B tie-breaking; for details write: D. E. Rhead, 2715 Green St., Gary, Ind.

June 13-15

North Carolina Open Championship

Open to all, out-of-state players invited; at Community Center; begins 7:00 p.m. Friday June 13; 6 round Swiss; prizes; membership in NCCA required; a rated tournament; for details, write: Mr. Harris, Director, Department of Recreation, Wilmington, N.C.

Chess Life

Thursday, March 20, 1952

Alekhine's Early Chess Career

Additional Data
By A. Buschke

V. ALEKHINE IN SOVIET-LAND

THIS much however is certain: Alekhine was around in the Moscow Club before the Chess Olympics, he certainly had opportunities to get acquainted with those of his opponents who resided in Moscow, so his not particularly convincing success in the Chess Olympics can hardly be explained by lack of practice.

In fact, he (and his Moscow opponents) were given another serious opportunity to train for the Chess Olympics, although this is nowhere given as the purpose of the serious games under match conditions which were arranged for Alekhine in the summer of 1920. About these games we read in "K Novoi Armii" no. 10-11 of August 20, 1920:

In addition to the aforementioned events (sc. several first category tournaments, matches Grigoriev-M. M. Pavlov, Zubarev-Lubimov, etc.), the Chess Section arranged a series of serious games of the strongest Muscovite chess players against "first-class masters" A. A. Alekhine. So far the result is 4 (against Grekov, Zubarev, Grigoriev and Ilyin-Zhenevsky), —1 (N. M. Pavlov), 2 (Grekov and Grigoriev).

and again in "K Novoi Armii" no. 16 of September 22, 1920:

The contest of the "first-class masters" A. A. Alekhine against the strongest Muscovite chess players is finished. The final result is: he 6 (1 each against Grekov, Zubarev, Grigoriev, Pavlov, and 2 wins Ilyin-Zhenevsky), —2 (against N. Pavlov and Zubarev), 2 (with Grekov and Grigoriev).

This tallies with Pavlov-Pianov's recent report ("Shakhmaty v SSSR," 1951, no. 7, p. 217, which is possibly based on "K Novoi Armii") that Alekhine, after the simultaneous exhibition of May 1920 with the result of 33 wins, 5 draws, no losses, "played two games each with Moscow chess players of category 'A.' Aleksandr Aleksandrovich made 2 points against Ilyin-Zhenevsky, 1½ points each against Grekov and Grigoriev, and finished the encounters with Zubarev and with myself with the score of 1:1. Of all these games I can give only the scores of my own; the scores of the other games have not been preserved."

Before we reproduce these two games now fortunately come to light, after more than 30 years, it might not be amiss to give Pavlov-Pianov also the word in reference to Alekhine's chess activities in Moscow in 1919 and 1920 ("Shakhmaty v SSSR," l.c.p. 216):

In the fall (sc. of 1919) the first Moscow chess championship after the revolution was arranged, in which also A. A. Alekhine, who had just arrived in Moscow, took part hors de concours. In the course of many years, from the school bench on, I was destined to be a witness of the chess growth of the future Champion of the World. And I would like to point out in particular his unrestrained love for the game of chess. As a member of the Moscow Club, A. Alekhine took incessantly part in all its measures, played in serious and light tournaments, not even refusing to meet even the weakest amateurs. With the brilliancy so typical for him, A. A. Alekhine absolved the first Moscow Championship, winning all games. Because Alekhine played hors de concours, the title of champion of the capital was awarded N. I. Grekov, the second prize winner."

RUY LOPEZ

Moscow, 1920

(Source: "Shakhmaty v SSSR" 1951, no. 7, p. 217)

White	Black
1. P-K4	P-K4
2. Kt-KB3	Kt-KB3
3. B-K5	B-B4
4. P-Q3	Kt-B3
5. PxB	B-K2
6. BxKt	QxB
7. KtP	BxB
8. Q-O	O-O

A blunder which loses the game.
(Please turn to page 6, col 3)

SAVE THESE DATES — July 12-26
U. S. OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP AT TAMPA

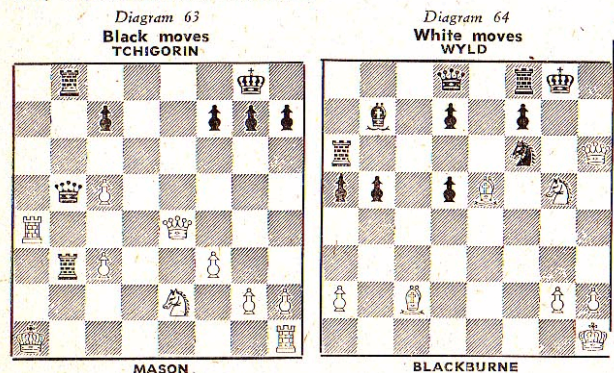
Chess For The Tired Business Man

By Fred Reinfeld

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CHALLENGE TO CHESS PLAYERS

IN RECENT YEARS we have had a great many fine books on chess, dealing with almost every conceivable aspect of the game. Yet these books have neglected what is after all the primary object of a game of chess: the actual process of checkmating your opponent's King. The purpose of this book is to instruct you, the reader, in all the many ways of achieving checkmate.



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Reporter's Tricks Fail Against Champ

-- A Reminiscence of U. S. Open at Omaha

By JOHN KOFFEND

Reprinted from the January-February 1952 issue of the Nebraska Chess Bulletin, which copied it from the Omaha daily newspaper story, written in 1949 about the U. S. Open Championship at Omaha. Reporter Koffend's blithe article is a relief after reading the condescending reports of some reporters.—The Editor.

YOU don't have to be bright to play chess. Why, Tuesday I played two close games with the national junior champion and I'm no brighter than you are.

By close games, of course, I mean that the air-conditioning wasn't working and my opponent and I weren't sitting very far apart.

When the photographer and I dropped in on the visiting chess players at the Fontenelle Hotel, you could scarcely tell them from ordinary men. They're all here to beat each other in the United States Chess Federation's fiftieth annual open tournament.

The hubbub in the Embassy Room was like a convention hubbub anywhere. Then suddenly, silence fell. The play had begun. You could cut the concentration like cheese.

I sat down at a board with Art Bisguier, 19, an accounting student from the Bronx. Art has been playing chess 10 years. Besides being national junior champion, he wears the Manhattan Chess Club crown.

My chess achievements, on the other hand, are somewhat less dazzling: I once played a 5-year-old genius who blindfolded himself and conquered me in seven moves.

"Show no mercy," I warned Art, who also swims.

In an electric stillness, jarred only by contemptuous coughs from experts who gathered to watch, I began chasing Art's chessmen over the squares. That was my strategy. I had other tricks.

I blew cigaret smoke into his face. I interrupted constantly with small talk to shatter his chess aplomb. I elbowed a few conquered pieces back into play.

And after 17 moves, I graciously gave up.

We played once more because, as I told Art, that first win might have been a fluke. Sometimes the best men bow in defeat.

Art beat me again.

I would have suggested another match, but Art moved off to whet his skill against the tactics of a keener enemy. Like the 70 other entrants, he's got 12 tournament games to play before July 23.

"Anybody else care to risk his crown?" I said. But nobody cared.

BIG SEVEN CHESS TOURNAMENT

Lincoln, 1952

1. Kansas University	3-0	8½-1½
2. Nebraska University	2-1	6½-4½
3. Colorado University	1-2	5½-6½
4. Kansas State College	0-3	1½-9½

The Reader's Road To Chess

By Kester Svendsen

SCHACHMATT. By Kurt Richter. Berlin: Walter de Gruyter & Co. Pp. 95, hundreds of diags.

This is another of "Veit's Little Chessbooks," a series edited by Berlin chessmaster Richter. Though not so extensive as some others in the series (Richter's *Kurzgeschichten um Schachfiguren* is his best), it certainly fulfills its promise to train the eye for mating attacks. The examples are all from actual games or from game-situation problems and endings. First the mating positions one must visualize, then the examples; in section two are mates in the first twelve moves: Pillsbury's famous mate-in-the-corner played in 1900, the disputed Alekhine-Tenner of Cologne 1911 (Tenner says, I think, that he won this*), Morphy-Conway, New York 1859. In section three, opportunities in the middle game; in section four, the end-game; section five, 30 "puzzles"—game situations on which the reader can try his new knowledge. Section six deals with the chess problem: definition, examples, explanations, all bearing on the central theme of the mating attack or the shortest way to mate. Richter's techniques are much like those of Reinfeld and Chernev—diagrams from actual games illustrating practical themes, presented in an easy familiar style—and his books have the further advantage of drawing most of their examples from games which do not appear in English or American periodicals.

*According to Reinfeld in "The Unknown Alekhine" p. 93-95, the actual game was a draw.—The Editor.

With The Chess Clubs

Minneapolis Chess & Checker Club championship event was won by Robert Ott in a 21 player round robin with 17-3, losing games to K. N. Pedersen, Sven Engstrom and Richard Severson. Minnesota State Champion Dr. Giles A. Koelsche placed second with 16½-3½, losing games to Engstrom, Ott and L. P. Narveson, while drawing with L. T. Knapp. Third place went to Wm. E. Kaiser with 15-5 with losses to Koelsche, Ott, Victor Contoski, Frank Cabot III, and W. T. Cobb.

University of North Carolina bested Duke University 3-1 in a match at the Durham Chess Club with Kit Crittenden, David Evans and D. A. Kahn scoring for No. Car., while Marcelo Molina y Vedia salvaged the point for Duke.

University of Toronto title went to Jack Kagetsu who defeated H. Anto 3-1 in a playoff match for the title after they had tied in the regular tournament. S. Blum won the Hart House speed championship, scoring 4-1.

Rose Avenue Community Center (Toronto) saw Jack Despard score 2½-2½ in a five board blindfold simultaneous. Winners against the blindfold player were Ken Robinson and John Rick, while Noel Black drew.

Cleveland Chess Ass'n sponsored a 52-board simultaneous at the Central YMCA by Samuel Reshevsky, and the former U.S. Champion scored 47 wins, one loss and 4 draws in the impressive 7 hour exhibition. Ohio State Champion Harold Miller scored the win, while Mrs. Mina Schwartz, Joe Chavayda, Zoltan Pauer, and J. Stanisik won the draws.

York Y Chess Club (Pa.) scored a 5½-1½ victory over the Gettysburg College team with Guthridge, Grenda, Avila, Legore, and R. Myers tallying the points for York, while Sechrist saved the point for Gettysburg. Bortner for York drew with Hildebrand.

Red Rose Chess Club (Lancaster, Pa.) scored a victory in the "War of the Roses" by besting York Y 5-2. For the Red Roses Kemble, Shields, Eckenrode, Huss and Miller scored victories, while Brown and Bortner tallied for York Y.

Queen City (Buffalo) Chess Club saw Reshevsky win 31 games and draw 3 in a simultaneous exhibition at the club. Those who drew with the grandmaster were Roy Black, Vernon Gable, and Dr. S. Robert Frucella.

Gary (Ind.) Chess Club bested South Bend Chess Club 11-6 with Isalovich, Rearick, Bakos, Martinson, Salisbury, Kosiba, Cox, Bolton, Mailrath and Mitter scoring for Gary, while Brooks, Bralts, Hatfield, Aikin, Aggard scored for South Bend. For Gary, Merila and Gold drew with Rague and Hoslett.

Gary (Ind.) Chess Club is still in the throes of a two-year old nine man team match by mail with an Auckland, New Zealand team.

Rochester (N.Y.) Chess Club played host to Reshevsky, who performed with his usual skill, winning 29 and drawing two in less than 3 hours of play. CHESS LIFE Games Editor Erich W. Marchand is giving a series of lessons on chess at the Central YMCA in an 8 week course.

Queen City (Buffalo) Chess Club elected Roy T. Black president, Norman Wilder, Jr. vice-president, George Chase treasurer, Carl E. Diesen secretary. Elected directors were Richard E. Boyer, Alfred A. Allison, James J. Barrett, Dr. S. R. Frucella and Paul E. Greenough.

Gary (Ind.) Chess Club at its annual business meeting elected Harry Salisbury president, Floyd B. Bolton secretary-treasurer, and George Martinson team captain. Plans were laid for the second annual Interscholastic Chess Tourney for Lake County, as well as for the annual Gary City Championship.

Tri-City (Davenport) Chess Club capitulated to Illinois State Champion Kimball Nedved, who won all 13 boards in a simultaneous exhibition. Nedved accompanied his exhibition with an half-hour lecture on the latest opening theory. The Tri-City Club plans matches in March and April with Rockford and Peoria and in addition is already laying plans for a bigger and better Trans-Mississippi Tournament on June 7 and 8.

Tacoma YMCA Chess Club (Wash.) took over the lead in the Puget Sound League by besting Kitsap 7½-2½ and Amidon's 5½-4½. Tacoma now leads 5-1 in matches with a game score of 34½-25½.

University of Washington Chess Club found Olaf Ulvestad too tough in a simultaneous exhibition in which the West Coast master won 27, lost 2, and drew 3. Glenn Muller and Gordon Holloway scored the wins, while the draws went to Ted Warner, Max Bader and Jorgen Bader. The last is an 8th grader at Nathan Eckstein Junior High.

Seattle (Wash.) Chess Club re-elected T. H. Davidson as president, Fred N. Burgess vice-president, Clarence Bushnell secretary-treasurer and Glenn Muller director. In addition Leonard Sheets was elected director.

West Seattle (Wash.) Chess Club elected Max W. Mage president. Plans for a club championship event are under way.

Portland (Ore.) Chess Club elected Jack Janacek president, Deane Moore vice-president, E. G. Short secretary-treasurer, and Donald Turner tournament director.

Hart House (Toronto) Chess Club scored in three intercollegiate matches, besting McMaster University 5½-2½, McGill University 4½-3½, and University of Montreal 6½-1½.

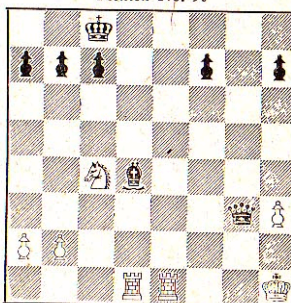
Chess Life

Thursday, March 20, 1952

What's The Best Move?

By Guilherme Groesser

Position No. 90



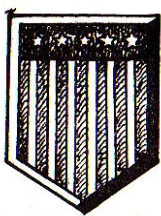
2k5, ppp2p, 8, 8, 2Sb4, P4, 3Rk2, White to play

Send solutions to Position No. 90 to the Editor, CHESS LIFE, by April 20, 1952.

Solution to Position No. 87

Our solvers did very well with this odd position in which Black must violate the usual precepts against exchanging when a Pawn down if he wishes to win. The game was Ermolaev-Karpilsky, Ukraine, 1950; and Black played 1. Kt-K4; 2. Kt-K1, P-R5(a); 3. P-B4 (b), P-K5; 4. P-R7; 5. P-B5 ch, K-K3; 6. P-B6, P-R7; White resigns.

Note that (a) 2. P-K5?; 3. RPxP, P-R5; 4. P-K6; (b) 2. P-K5; 3. P-K6; 4. P-K7; 5. P-K7; 6. P-K7; 7. P-K7; 8. P-K7; 9. P-K7; 10. P-K7; 11. P-K7; 12. P-K7; 13. P-K7; 14. P-K7; 15. P-K7; 16. P-K7; 17. P-K7; 18. P-K7; 19. P-K7; 20. P-K7; 21. P-K7; 22. P-K7; 23. P-K7; 24. P-K7; 25. P-K7; 26. P-K7; 27. P-K7; 28. P-K7; 29. P-K7; 30. P-K7; 31. P-K7; 32. P-K7; 33. P-K7; 34. P-K7; 35. P-K7; 36. P-K7; 37. P-K7; 38. P-K7; 39. P-K7; 40. P-K7; 41. P-K7; 42. P-K7; 43. P-K7; 44. P-K7; 45. P-K7; 46. P-K7; 47. P-K7; 48. P-K7; 49. P-K7; 50. P-K7; 51. P-K7; 52. P-K7; 53. P-K7; 54. P-K7; 55. P-K7; 56. P-K7; 57. P-K7; 58. P-K7; 59. P-K7; 60. P-K7; 61. P-K7; 62. P-K7; 63. P-K7; 64. P-K7; 65. P-K7; 66. P-K7; 67. P-K7; 68. P-K7; 69. P-K7; 70. P-K7; 71. P-K7; 72. P-K7; 73. P-K7; 74. P-K7; 75. P-K7; 76. P-K7; 77. P-K7; 78. P-K7; 79. P-K7; 80. P-K7; 81. P-K7; 82. P-K7; 83. P-K7; 84. P-K7; 85. P-K7; 86. P-K7; 87. P-K7; 88. P-K7; 89. P-K7; 90. P-K7; 91. P-K7; 92. P-K7; 93. P-K7; 94. P-K7; 95. P-K7; 96. P-K7; 97. 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NAJDORF TIES RESHEVSKY

Glorigic Places Third at Havana, Evans and Eliskases Tie for Fourth

In a nip-and-tuck battle for first place, Miguel Najdorf and Samuel Reshevsky finally finished in a tie for first place with 18½-3½ each. This photo-finish should make the coming match between the two a matter of great interest to all. Reshevsky lost one game to Arturito Pomar but was otherwise unbeaten.

Svetozar Glorigic in third place with 17-5 confirmed his reputation as a player to be reckoned with in the future, while Eliskases in a tie for fourth with 16-6 demonstrated once again the skill that made him one of the most promising players of the last decade.

Particularly gratifying to Americans was the showing of U.S. Champion Larry Evans in his tie for fourth with 16-6. The youthful U.S. master, playing in his first great tournament, began badly with losses to Reshevsky in the 1st round and Glorigic in the 5th, but rallied thereafter to press closely on the heels of the leaders.

Nicholas Rossolimo fulfilled expectations in placing sixth with 14½-7½, including a fourth round victory over Najdorf. But American players can both be gratified and surprised by the placing of Dr. Juan Gonzales in 7th place with 13½-8½ as the top Cuban player—gratified because Dr. Gonzales perfected his chess in New York clubs while studying in the United States, even winning the U. S. Lightning Championship title. His outranking veteran I. A. Horowitz and the young Spanish pair of Pomar and Toran, as well as the Dutch master Prins, is a matter for surprise and congratulations.

But to USCF Rating Statistician Kenneth Harkness the results at Havana cause no surprise, for he picked seven out of the first eight on the basis of the U.S. National Rating System—an unexcelled bit of handicapping that was only marred by the performance of Dr. Gonzales.

It was an exciting tournament, high-lighted by many tournament novelties such as the sudden and almost bloodless revolution in Cuba during its sessions—did the chess players even know about it until they read it in the papers? The gaiety was marred by the unexpected death by heart-failure of one of the contestants, Juan Quesada of Cuba, who had compiled up to the time of his passing a very respectable score of eight points.

A fine cup, donated by President Peron of Argentina, and intended for the winner of the tournament remained at the Capablanca Club with the consent of co-winners Samuel Reshevsky and Miguel Najdorf to be placed in competition in a proposed Quesada Memorial. A fine trophy donated by Gen. Manuel Soto-Larrea was awarded to Dr. Juan Gonzales for the best score made by a Cuban player.

CHAPPUIS WINS AT SALT LAKE

In the Salt Lake City Championship, Gaston Chappuis triumphed with a 4½-½ score to win the city title only one week after he had won the Utah State handball doubles championship. In the five round Swiss Chappuis drew with Sam Teitelbaum and defeated Alex Rizo, Charles Metzlar, Irvin Taylor and Farrell L. Clark.

Second place on S-B points went to Irvin W. Taylor with 3½-1½, while Farrell L. Clark placed third, also with 3½-1½. Third to sixth in the 14 player event on S-B points with equal 3-2 scores were Sam Teitelbaum, Bruce Palmer, and Glen Kashin.

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1. M. Najdorf	18½-3½
2. S. Reshevsky	18½-3½
3. S. Glorigic	17-5
4. E. Eliskases	16-6
5. L. Evans	16-6
6. N. Rossolimo	14½-7½
7. Dr. J. Gonzales	13½-8½
8. I. A. Horowitz	12½-9½
9. A. Pomar	12½-9½
10. R. Toran	12½-9½
11. L. Prins	12-10
12. E. Cobo	11½-10½
13. C. Guimard	11½-10½
14. E. Jimenez	11-11
15. E. Lasker	10½-11½
16. H. Steiner	10½-11½
17. Dr. R. Romero	8½-13½
18. J. Quesada	8-14
19. F. Planas	7-15
20. M. Aleman	5½-16
21. R. Ortega	4½-17½
22. Capt. J. Arais	3½-21½
23. Soto-Larrea	3-21½

ROZSA TRIUMPHS AT TULSA UNIV

Victory in the 4th Annual Tulsa University Championship went to Dr. Bela Rozsa with a perfect score of 15-0. Runner-up was former champion Bob Virgin with 12-3. Virgin lost to Dr. Rozsa, Bill Hine and Melvin Johnson. Prof. C. I. Blanchard was third with 11-4, losing games to Dr. Rozsa, Virgin, Guy Rossi and Franco Pasado. Tied for fourth place with equal 9½-5½ scores were Melvin Johnson, Guy Rossi and Jack Wamsley in the sixteen player event.

KUNZ RETAINS RACINE CITY

Defending Champion Rudy Kunz retained the Racine (Wis.) City Title, winning it for the ninth time since 1941. Kunz scored 6-1, conceding draws to David Arganian and H. C. Zierke, while besting 1950 Champion Art Domsy, E. Mack, B. Hill, Erwin Poetschke, and Dan Anderson in the 18 player Swiss event. Second place on S-B points went to David Arganian, also with 6-1, while Frank Buttenhoff placed fourth and Erwin Poetschke fifth on S-B points with equal 4½-2½ scores.

ANDERSON TAKES RACINE SPEED

Dan Anderson on S-B points with a 5-1 score captured the Racine (Wis.) Speed Championship in a 15 player Swiss event. Art Domsy was second, also with 5-1, while fifth to sixth on S-B points with equal 4-2 scores were Rudy Kunz, Phil Haas, David Arganian, and Ed. Erdman. Anderson lost one game to City Champion Art Domsy, H. C. Zierke, John Abt, Phil Haas, and David Arganian.



BLINDMAN'S BLUFF
George Koltanowski, left, at grips with Humphrey Bogart in a deadly game of chess.

Photo: Courtesy San Francisco Chronicle

Koltanowski Bests the Bogey-man But in Chess, Not Gun-Play!

Winner of the coveted Oscar in the current Academy Awards, tough guy Humphrey Bogart lost a close one to International Master George Koltanowski in San Francisco—in chess, not acting. But it took the Belgian-born expert forty-one moves to punch his way to victory.

Playing blindfolded against the movie bad-man, in an exhibition staged by the San Francisco Chronicle during Bogart's appearance in San Francisco for the premier of "The African Queen," Koltanowski was frequently in hot water during the course of the game, and was heard to murmur: "This guy is dangerous and I'm not kidding."

Bogart, who confessed that he had learned chess "in those old shooting galleries, when I was a kid in New York," played a solid French Defense. For a time he seemed more than dangerous, but at the end he began to tire, and the superior experience of the chess expert made itself felt.

Humphrey Bogart is one of a number of Hollywood stars who relax with chess. It may be remembered that they turned out in force to kibitz the Pan-American Tournament in 1945 in which Mitzi Mayfair played in the women's event under her married name of Mrs. Charles Henderson, while Carmen Miranda, Barbara Hale, Linda Darnell, Rosanne Murray, Gregory Ratoff and Bill Williams participated in the various social functions of the Tournament, such as the living game of chess pageant and the prize-awarding ceremonies.

For score of the Koltanowski-Bogart game, please turn to page four.

CONVICT COUTURE, TO MAKE APPEAL

Problemist William J. Couture was sentenced to 14 to 17 years in the Massachusetts Court for armed robbery, alleged to have occurred 10 years previous. An appeal is now being heard.

KRAMER TOPS MANHATTAN CLUB

George Kramer, former New York State Champion, won the eventful Manhattan Chess Club Championship with 12½-1½, edging out Donald Byrne who held the early lead, finishing with 11½-2½ for second place. Third place went to Arnold S. Denker, former U.S. Champion, while former New York State Champion Max Pavey was fourth.

How strong the event and how exciting the struggle is shown by the fact that such consistent stalwarts of the club as S. Bernstein, Dr. J. Platz, A. S. Pinkus and Jack Soudakoff were outside the charming circle of prize-winners.

MANHATTAN CHESS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP New York, 1952

1. G. Kramer	12½-1½
2. D. Byrne	11½-2½
3. A. S. Denker	10½-3½
4. M. Pavey	9½-4½
5. J. Moskowitz	8½-5½
6. H. Sussman	8-6
7. S. Bernstein	7-7
8. J. Platz	7-7
9. A. Turner	7-7
10. A. S. Pinkus	6½-7½
11. J. Soudakoff	5½-8½
12. E. Jackson	4½-9½
13. W. Bryan	3½-10½
14. R. Einhorn	2½-11½
15. R. Ilderton	1-13

LIEPNIEKS WINS LINCOLN CITY

Alexander Liepnies scored 11½-½ to win the Lincoln (Neb.) City Championship, conceding one draw to Robert Schwabauer, a 17-year old student who received a special prize for this draw against the champion. Second place went to G. Sobolevskis with 9-3, losing games to Liepnies and Victor Pupols, and drawing with E. Hinman and A. Sildmets. Victor Pupols, 17-year old student of engineering at the University of Nebraska, placed third with 8½-3½, losing games to Liepnies, A. Freibergs, and J. Dreschmanis, while drawing with E. Adminis. The veteran Nebraska player E. Hinman was fourth with 8-4, losing to Liepnies, Pupols, and P. Wood, while drawing with Sobolevskis and Freibergs.

In the double-round Intermediate Group Championship victory went to Joe Warner, 20-year old chemistry student at the University of Nebraska, with a perfect 10-0 score. John Dannfelds with 13-5 was second, and John Paeglis with 11½-6½ was third.

In the double-round Student Group Championship, Harry Inde scored 15-1 for first place, with Pete Finley second and Dave Hill third.

ZIERKE TAKES RACINE COUNTY

Victory in the first Racine County (Wis.) Championship went to H. C. Zierke with 6-1 in a 15-player Swiss event. Zierke lost no games but drew with Art Domsy and Phil Haas, while defeating Peter Elsnor, Erwin Poetschke, E. Mack, Dan Anderson and Rudy Kunz. Second place went to Phil Haas with 5½-2½, while Racine City Champion Rudy Kunz placed third with 5-2. Fourth to sixth with equal 4½-2½ scores were Dan Anderson, Art Domsy, and John Aroks.

TULSA ORGANIZES CHESS LEAGUE

Chess is humming in Tulsa (Okla.) with an eight team league recently organized. In Class A. Tulsa University defeated Tulsa Chess Club 3-2 with Dr. Rozsa, Guy Rossi and Fred Calkins scoring for the U while Sam Mayfield and P. J. Read tallied for Tulsa Club. Independent bested Stanolind 2-1 with D. K. Higginbotham and A. Lukstin scoring for the Independents and D. K. Barns for Stanolind. In the Class B section Tulsa University B team defeated Tulsa Central High 2½-1½; Norman Hinton and Bill Hine tallied for Tulsa U while Robert Huxtable scored for the High with teammate Ronald Griffy drawing with Jack Wamsly. Tulsa Chess Club B team lost to Independent B team by 1-2. For the Independents T. R. Smith and Clyde Hostetter scored, while Leo Rothchild saved the point for Tulsa Chess B.

In two Speed Tournaments conducted by the League, Sam Mayfield won the first with 10-0 and Dr. Bela Rozsa was second with 8-2. In the second event Dr. Bela Rozsa was victor with 11-0 and P. J. Read placed second with 9-2.

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FACTS CAN BE MISINTERPRETED

UNDER the heading "Retreat from Chess," our eminent contemporary, the British magazine "CHESS" publishes the astonishing statement that "The United States Chess Federation is broke." Our respected colleague, Editor B. H. Wood, has been misled, of course, in his interpretation of a letter written by USCF President Harold M. Phillips, which was not prepared for publication.

This letter, be it said, does paint a rather gloomy picture of the future of chess in the USA, but it represents, after all, the opinion of one individual. We feel that Editor Wood would have been well advised to have consulted more opinions before gossiping so freely about matters on which his information was mainly hearsay.

That the U. S. Chess Federation does have an indebtedness that is somewhat less than \$5,000.00 is a fact that need not cause anyone to envision immediate application for bankruptcy. In the year 1951, the U.S. Chess Federation raised for the expenses and prize funds of three tournaments well over \$8,000.00 in cash. It is safe to assume that if necessity pressed the organization sufficiently, it could raise the funds to liquidate its indebtedness.

Mr. Wood also makes considerable hullabaloo over the small membership of the Federation, comparing it with the size of various continental Federations. While Mr. Wood is correct in deploring the size of the membership in the USA, he would have been much better advised if he had first considered the historic facts before making his comparisons.

Historically, the U. S. Chess Federation is 52 years old. Actually, from the point of membership it is only seven years old. This is because prior to 1945 there was never any attempt made to enlist membership or to promote a larger organization. There were, in fact, no inducements offered prior to 1945 to encourage membership in the organization which then existed as forerunners of the U.S. Chess Federation, for these organizations existed primarily for the purpose of holding one or two tournaments a year, and their memberships consisted almost entirely of those chess players who attended these tournaments.

It was not until Mr. Wagner succeeded to the presidency of the Federation that any plans were made to enroll membership in quantity. It was not until this date that any plans were made to broaden the activities of the Federation to a point where membership would be attractive to the individual player.

Therefore, in the term of seven years, the membership of the Federation has grown from less than a handful to its present strength. It does not have the membership that it should have, but then chess players are slow to change and the concept of a Federation that can remake chess conditions in the USA is one that must grow gradually in the player's mind. But to compare this (in the sense of membership) infant organization with those more ancient Federations on the Continent is ridiculous. When the USCF is as old in years of membership drive as the continental organizations, it will far surpass them in numbers.

We pass over the other misconceptions of Mr. Wood's article, for which he is not altogether to blame, as being too trivial for comment.

But the best answer that the American chess player can make to the false impressions created abroad by the "gossip" in "CHESS" is to confound the gossippers by rallying to the support of American chess by supporting the U.S. Chess Federation. Make every chess player a member should be the motto of everyone interested in the growth of chess in the USA.

Montgomery Major

The Reader's Road To Chess

By Kester Svendsen

CANADIAN CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT 1951. Published by Canadian Chess Chat, 2084 Decarie Blvd., Montreal 28, Quebec, Canada. Pp. 55 mimeo and photo-offset print; illus.

D. A. MACADAM, editor of the lively Canadian Chess Chat, sends along this fine tournament book of the event won by Paul Vaitonis. The whole business is here—all the 77 games (many with notes), round-by-round score and commentary, four and a half pages of openings analysis, photos and biographies of the contestants, even a financial report. The cover and one or two pages are printed, and the mimeographing is some of the best this reviewer has seen. The entry list included Yanofsky, Bohatirchuk, and Frank Anderson, a fact which guaranteed some grand games. The best of these, according to George Koltanowski, who judged for the brilliancy prize, was second-placer Anderson's sixth round win from Yerhoff. Here it is.

White: Yerhoff, Black: Anderson. Ruy Lopez. 1. P-K4, P-K4; 2. Kt-KB3, Kt-QB3; 3. B-K15, P-QR3; 4. B-R4, Kt-B3; 5. O-O, Kt-P3; 6. P-Q4, P-QK4; 7. B-K15, P-Q4; 8. P-P3, P-K3; 9. P-Q4, Q-B4; 10. Q-Q3, Q-O; 11. Q-Kt2, P-KB4; 12. P-P3, P. Kt-P3; 13. Kt-K15, Kt-K4; 14. Q-K13, Q-Q3; 15. R-K1, Kt-B3, K15; 16. Q-Kt4, P-Kt1; 17. BxBch, K-R1; 18. B-K3, Kt-BP1; 19. Q-R4, P-R3; 20. Kt-P3, Kt-Kt1; 21. QxKt, Q-R1; 22. BxB, QxKt; 23. Q-Q4, QxQ4, QxQch; 24. P-Q4, Kt-Q6; 25. R/Kt-Q1, Kt-KtP; 26. R-Q2, RxB; 27. RxB, R-Q1; 28. P-QR4, P-QB3; 29. P-P3, B-P3; 30. R/2-R1, R/1-Q3; 31. K-B2, P-K4; 32. R-R4, R-P3; 33. RxB, Q-Qch; 34. K-B3, R/3-K7; 35. R-Kt6, R-B7ch; 36. K-K3, R-KtP; 37. R-K13, R-Rch; 38. KxR, R-Kt7ch; 39. Resigns.

MASTER CHESS PLAY. By P. Wenman. London: Vawser & Wiles, Ltd. Pp. 199, numerous diags. 15s (about \$2.10).

WENMAN, the ex-Scottish champion, has published many collections: games from Monte Carlo, Marshall's and Pillsbury best, and so on. The present volume continues the style and tradition of his *Gems of the Chessboard*. Here are interesting older games, some familiar, some new, with light, chiefly one-line notes: "QxP would have avoided the trouble that follows"; "Steinitz says B-Q1 was better"; "A fine situation. If now 16 BxR, 17 PxP wins for White." Of the 106 games given, not more than ten are by players still alive; and very few date from the 1940s. Alekhine appears once, Capablanca twice. But what a treasure trove of Old Masters! Tchigorin (17 games), Marshall (14), and Lasker (9) are well represented, as are Gunsberg, Teichmann, Tarrasch, Blackburne, Schlechter. From the great Vienna Gambit Tournament 1903 come 17 games; from Ostend 1905, 16. Mr. Wenman's taste is excellent; and his browsing through old tournament and match books has been most profitable. Every sample the reviewer played over has its thrills. The following Sicilian, won in 1941 from Capablanca by Miss N. May Karff, one of America's foremost woman players, is given with all the notes as an example of Mr. Wenman's presentation.

Marshall Chess Club, New York 1941. Sicilian. White: J. R. Capablanca; Black: N. May Karff. 1. P-K4, P-Q4; 2. Kt-B3, Kt-QB3; 3. P-KK3, Kt-B3; 4. P-Q3, 5. B-Kt2, B-K15 (Leading to exchanges not unfavorable to Black); 6. Kt-B3, Kt-Q5; 7. P-KR3, Kt-Ktch; 8. BxKt, BxB; 9. QxB, P-K4; 10. B-K15, B-K2; 11. BxKt, BxB; 12. Kt-Q5, R-QB1; 13. P-B4, Q-R4ch; 14. K-B1, R-B3; 15. Kt-Bch, P-Kt1; 16. QxP (gaining a pawn, but not without a certain amount of risk); 17. Q-B3, R-QK3; 18. Q-K2, Q-K15; 19. P-K13, R-R3; 20. K-Kt2, Q-R4; 21. Kt-KB1, P-Kt4; 22. P-K4, KP-P3; 23. RxB, PxB; 24. QXP (By capturing the wrong way Black is allowed to bring off a surprise finish in two moves. 24. KtPxP was safe enough.); Q-B6 (There is no reply to this.); 25. Q-K1, RxBPch; White resigns. (An elegant finish.)

Mate The Subtle Way!

by Vincent L. Eaton

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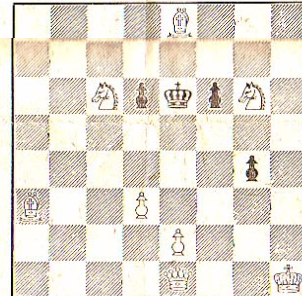
Problem No. 319

By C. B. Cook

Fort Worth, Texas

First Publication

Black: 4 men



White: 8 men
4B3, 8, 2SpkS1, 3, 6P1, B2P4
4P3, 4QK2
White mates in two moves

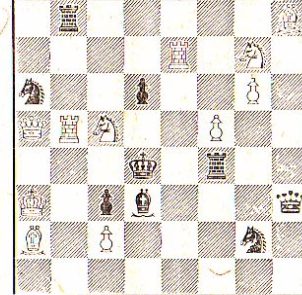
Problem No. 321

By E. Rukhlis

Prize, Shakhmaty v SSSR

1945

Black: 9 men



White: 11 men
1f5B, 4R1S1, 2Sp2P2, 3K12, K1P3P4, B1P3S1, 8
White mates in two moves

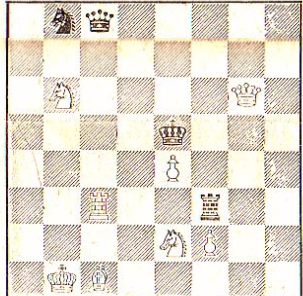
Problem No. 320

By F. Fleck

First Prize, Magyar Sakkvilág

1933

Black: 4 men



White: 8 men
1sq5, 8, 154Q1, 4k3, 4P3, 2R2r2,
4SP2, 1KB5
White mates in two moves

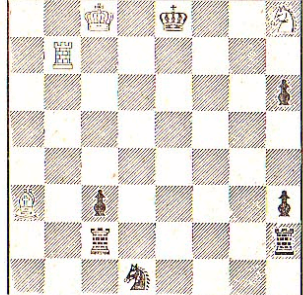
Problem No. 322

By Dr. A. Kraemer

Second Prize, Thrilling Dedication

Tourney, 1948

Black: 4 men



White: 7 men
2K1k2S, 1R6, 7p, 8, 3, B1P4p, 2r4r, 3s4
White mates in three moves

Solutions—Mate the Subtle Way!

No. 311 (Kujoth): The author's pretty intention was 1. B-Kt3, but 1. B-B5 works equally well. Few solvers found both solutions.

No. 312 (Eaton): 1. Q-KR5.

No. 313 (Isayev): 1. Q-K13, with a complex scheme of Black interferences on QB3 and KB5.

No. 314 (Kraemer): 1. R-Kt1, K-Kt2; 2. Q-Kt7 ch, K-R1; 3. Q-QKt2 with other mates after alternative Black second moves. Multum in parvo.

SOLVERS' LADDER

(Two points for two-movers; four points for three-movers. Extra credit for correct claims of "cooks," i.e., valid solutions not intended by the composer. This tally covers solutions for problems in the March 5 issue received up to the time we went to press, on March 25. Solutions subsequently received, will be credited on the next Ladder.)

Rev. Chidley.... 252	James France 154	D. Arey, Jr..... 68	C. W. Cox..... 32
Ronald O'Neill.... 242	Y. Oganov.... 136	L. M. Brown.... 64	Otto L. Nebl.... 24
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G. Murtagh.... 220	George Smith.... 126	Kenneth Lay.... 58	J. B. Grkavac.... 22
J. E. Lucas.... 214	Joe Petty.... 126	C. J. Koch.... 58	V. Contoski.... 10
O. Onysekuk.... 212	James Bolton.... 116	Dr. J. Erman.... 50	P. A. Holway.... 10
M. A. Michaels.... 204	J. Kaufman.... 112	E. Korpany.... 40	R. A. Welsh.... 10
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H. E. Kassner.... 200	R. M. Collins.... 96	J. Dunphy, Jr.... 38	
Dr. K. Tonak.... 190	Weatherford.... 82	C. B. Collins.... 38	

A hearty welcome to new solver John B. Grkavac, who begins his Ladder climb with a perfect score for the March 5 problems.

Chess Life In New York

By Eliot Hearst

AFTER compiling an amazing ten game winning streak against the formidable competition in the Manhattan C. C. championship, George Kramer was content to draw three of his last 4 games and emerge the eventual winner with a score of 12½-1½—a full point ahead of Donald Byrne in second place. An unusual side-light of this conclusion is the fact the Byrne, due to his studies at Yale University, has completed his schedule early (when Kramer had won only five or six games!!) and it then seemed likely that his leading score of 11½-2½ would be almost insurmountable. But Kramer continued piling up the victories and a draw in the semi-final round with defending champ Arnold Denker clinched the title for him.

Although Kramer has been quite uniformly successful in U.S. Open and regular U.S. championships ever since he won the New York State Championship in 1945 at the age of sixteen, it is surprising that this is his first major title since that initial success. His play on the U.S. team at Dubrovnik last year was quite sharp and forceful, and his score of 7½-4½ there against international competition was indeed excellent. George's latest victory, your reporter overheard several Manhattan C. C. habitues saying, may be traced to his recent marriage, which is claimed to have had a "steadying influence on his game"; many critics had previously labeled Kramer as a "talented but erratic player"! The new champion no longer resides in New York but commuted from Philadelphia; this handicap had little or no obvious effect on his play!

Donald Byrne, in second place, lost only to Pavey and Kramer, and played the best chess of his life, according to the other competitors. Sound, solid chess is his forte, and this style proved quite successful in holding in check the very able tacticians he had to contend with in this tournament. Ex-champion Arnold Denker, although compiling as good a score percentage (75%) as he obtained when he captured the title last year, found himself in third place this time however; only a loss to Byrne marred an otherwise unbeaten record. Pavey, a consistent prize-winner in Manhattan Championships for several years now, finished a clear fourth with setbacks only at the hands of Kramer and Bryan, while Moskowitz and Sussman, the other prize-winners, returned to competition with good results. The strength of this annual fixture is attested to by the fact that such well-known experts as Bernstein, Platz, Turner, Pinkus, Soudakoff, and Jackson finished out of the running for the \$1000 offered in prizes this year!

IN BRIEF: After their tie for first at Havana, the Najdorf-Reshevsky match has even great meaning. It is to be started in New York in the near future. . . New York's Met League season has begun with six teams—Manhattan, Marshall, Columbia, Academy, Marshall Reserve, and London Terrace—entered in the regular championship and nine teams in the "B" League with Westchester-Bronx and the Lithuanian C. C. new competitors. At the League's annual meeting, A. Pinkus was elected President, D. Hoffman Vice-President, D. Kramer (George's father and a very active player himself, too!) secretary, and Jerry Donovan treasurer. It was a disappointment to learn that the Log Cabin C. C., one-time winner of the New York Met League, are fielding an "A" team this year. . . Dr. Reuben Slater successfully defended his title in the London Terrace Championship, finishing with a score of 5-1. H. M. Phillips, 4-2, (Continued on page 3, Col. 5)

Chess For The Tired Business Man

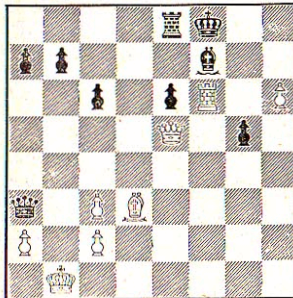
By Fred Reinfeld

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CHALLENGE TO CHESS PLAYERS

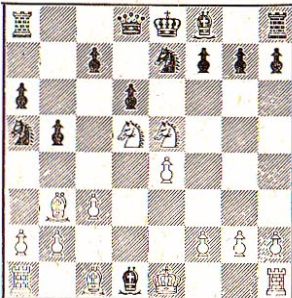
IN RECENT YEARS we have had a great many fine books on chess, dealing with almost every conceivable aspect of the game. Yet these books have neglected what is after all the primary object of a game of chess: the actual process of checkmating your opponent's King. The purpose of this book is to instruct you, the reader, in all the many ways of achieving checkmate.

Diagram 65
White moves
MIESES



MAROCZY
Paris, 1900

Diagram 66
White moves
FROEHLICH



BERGER
Graz, 1888

65. 1. Kx6 ch. Kx6; 2. Q-K7 mate. Black's Queen is out of play.

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RESHEVSKY MATCH SET FOR APRIL

Once again the Reshevsky-Najdorf match is scheduled after plans for it seemed doomed to failure. Now the match is set for April 4th in New York. In the 18 game match, eight will be played in New York, and five each in Mexico and San Salvador according to the latest reports. The postponed date for the start of the event gives both Reshevsky and Najdorf an opportunity to catch their breath after the strenuous exertions at Havana.

YANOFSKY WRITES IN MONTREAL STAR

The Weekend picture magazine section of the March 15 Montreal Star featured a two page article with photographs by former Canadian Champion Abe Yanofsky. In it Yanofsky, who has to his credit a brilliant victory over Botvinnik at Groningen, tells how he learned the moves of chess in 15 minutes when eight years old, but admits that he forgets names and relies on a memo pad when shopping. Graduating with honors in law at the University of Manitoba, Yanofsky is now taking a postgraduate course in civil law at Oxford. But Yanofsky still finds time for chess, tying with Reilstab for third with 5-4 in a recent tourney at Beverwijk which Dr. Euwe won with 7½-1½ and in which O'Kelly de Galway placed second with 5½-3½.

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MYERS TRIUMPHS IN DECATUR CITY

Hugh E. Myers walked away with the honors in the Decatur (Ill.) City Championship 14-0 in the double round event. Second place went to David T. Mitchell who scored 9½-4½, losing twice to Myers and once each to Raymond T. Fletcher and Dr. Benjamin Glazer, while drawing with Dr. Max Schlosser. Dr. Schlosser and Fletcher tied for third with 8-6 each, while Dr. Glazer was fifth with 7-7.

CAMBRIDGE TOPS BOSTON LEAGUE

The Cambridge Y team topped the Metropolitan League of Boston by 44½-25½ in games and 10½-3½ in matches. Second place went to Harvard College with 41½-28½ and 10½-3½, while Quincy Y placed third with 43½-26½ and 10-4. Newton Y was fourth with 46-24 and 9½-4½ in matches.

The Cambridge group lost twice to Harvard by 3½-1½ and 3-2, was defeated once by Quincy 3-2 and drew with Newton 2½-2½, but nosed out Harvard which lost twice to Newton by 5-0 and 4-1, once to Lithuanian by 4-1 and drew with Quincy 2½-2½.

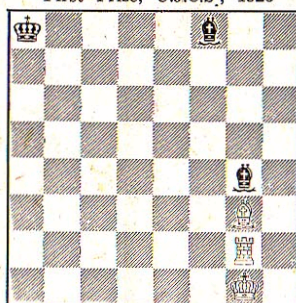
NORTH CITY TOPS PHILA LEAGUE

Although play is not completed in the Philadelphia Metropolitan Chess League, the North City Chess Club Bishops have mathematically clinched the title, held last year by the University of Pennsylvania, and have a firm hold on the McDonald & Campbell Championship Trophy. The Bishops scored 22½-7½ with a match score of 5-1. Captain Charles Badgett directed the winning team of Harry Morris, Anthony Koppang, Joseph Cotter, John Seibert, Egton Huth and Andrew Chrsanthos.

In second place is Franklin Chess Club with 20-10 and a match score of 5-1. Still battling for third with 10½-9½ and 12-13 respectively are Germantown YMCA and University of Pennsylvania. Germantown has two matches yet to play and Pennsylvania has one.

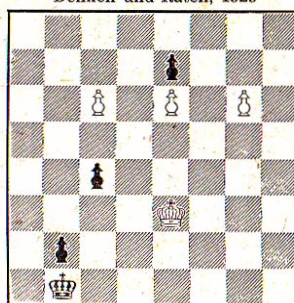
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Position No. 89
By M. Havel
First Prize, U.J.C.S., 1926



k4b2, 8, 8, 8, 6b1 6B1, 6R1, 6K1
White to play and win

Position No. 90
By Dr. A. Krasmer
Denken und Raten, 1929



8, 4p3, 2P1P1P1, 8, 2p5, 4K3, 1p6, 1k6
White to play and win

White To Play And Win!

Conducted by William Rojram

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POSITION No. 89 is a fascinating study of Rook and Bishop against two Bishops—a situation which can easily result in a draw. But the great Czech composer Havel in this composition deftly avoids the draw by very ingenious maneuvering. The solution is to force the win of one of Black's Bishops—easily stated, but not so easily performed.

In Position No. 90 by Dr. Krasmer, solvers are warned not to dismiss the position too lightly with the assumption that White queens a Pawn and wins. There are threats of stalemate in this tricky position that demand underpromotion in several variations. It is not as simple as it looks.

Both of these positions were suggested by Problem Editor Eaton who also knows a good endgame study when he sees one.

Reader Frank J. Skoff of Joliet writes that Position No. 80 (July 5, 1950) by Troitsky, quoted from Shakhmaty, 1949, appeared in the January 19, 1952 Christian Science Monitor as a composition of Dr. Em. Lasker, while in Mason's "Art of Chess" (Revised Edition of Reinfeld) it appears on page 27 as a position of Lasker in an actual game, with a note to the effect that the game was a drawn and the very pretty win found in post-mortem analysis. Did Troitsky compose an identical position, or did the editors of Shakhmaty make an error? We leave the answer to this question to our chess sleuths.

For solutions, please turn to page Four.

With The Chess Clubs

Lithuanian Chess Club (Boston) journeyed to New York to play a 4½-4½ draw with the Brooklyn Chess Club. Scoring wins for the Lithuanians were Skema, Staknys, Vilpisanas, while Merkevicius, Milcius and Volskis drew. For Brooklyn Guber, Peria and Wasserman tallied the wins, while Nigro, Feldheim and Stoppler drew.

Durham (N.C.) Chess Club scored a double victory over Raleigh Chess Club in a home-and-home match. In the first encounter Durham won 9-2 with G. C. Harwell, W. J. Peters, Dr. J. U. Gunter, S. A. Agnello, M. H. Upchurch, H. R. Weeks, W. Crowder, W. Sarles and S. B. Brockwell scoring for Durham, while J. Dobkin and E. Friedberg salvaged the point for Raleigh. The return match was a close 5-4 decision. W. Chapman, W. Crowder, J. M. Scales, H. R. Weeks, and W. Sarles took the Durham points, while K. Crittenden, D. Ivanovitch, J. Dobkin and W. C. Adickes tallied for Raleigh.

RACINE SPEED CHAMPIONSHIP

Racine, 1952

Leading Scorers		
1. D. Anderson	5-1	19
2. Art Domskey	5-1	17
3. Rudy Kunz	4-2	12
4. Phil Haas	4-2	12
5. D. Arganian	4-2	12
6. Ed Erdman	4-2	7
7. Murad Arganian	3-3	7
8. John Abt	3-3	7
9. H. C. Zierke	3-3	7
10. E. Mack	3-3	4

RACINE CITY CHAMPIONSHIP

Racine, 1952

Leading Scorers		
1. Rudy Kunz	6-1	23.50
2. D. Arganian	6-1	21.25
3. F. Buttenhoff	4-2½	13.75
4. E. Poetschke	4-2½	10.75
5. Art Domskey	4-3	14.50
6. John Abt	4-3	13.00
7. H. C. Zierke	4-3	11.75
8. D. Anderson	3-3½	10.50
9. E. Mack	3-3½	7.50
10. Hilmar Heuer	3-3½	7.00

BOOST AMERICAN CHESS!
By Joining the U.S.C.F.

Shreveport (La.) Chess Club played host to the Natchitoches Chess Club, defeating their visitors by 7½-4½. Harris, Dupree and Jones scored 2 points each for Shreveport with Adkins tallying 1 point and Wrenn ½ point. For Natchitoches Block scored 2 on board one, Brittain 1½, and Kenner 1 point.

Ohio State scored a 3-2 victory over Columbus Y with Meiden, Alexander and Hawthorne scoring for Ohio State and Mann and Loening for Columbus.

DOWNTOWN WINS FROM LOG CABIN

The Pittsburgh Downtown Y Chess Club proved stern hosts to the ever-traveling Log Cabin Chess Club, downing their guests by a 7-1 score. While it was not the strongest team Log Cabin can muster, it had sufficient power to make the Pittsburgh victory impressive. Weaver W. Adams on first board for Log Cabin salvaged the sole point against F. A. Sorensen, but E. T. McCormick, H. J. Fried, W. Hall, R. Hurlten, A. Brown, E. F. Laucks and H. E. Blankarn went down in defeat respectively against D. Hamberger, P. L. Dietz, W. M. Byland, D. Spiro, R. W. Wilson, J. Stargle, and R. Taylor of the Pittsburgh club.

Now the Downtown Y Club confidently awaits the exhibition of Mary Bain, U.S. Women's Champion, scheduled for April 19 at the Assembly Hall of the Y.

RACINE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

Racine, 1952

Leading Scorers		
1. H. C. Zierke	6-1	31-15
2. Phil Haas	5-2	25-12
3. Rudy Kunz	5-2	25-12
4. Dan Anderson	4-2½	21-17
5. Art Domskey	4-2½	21-17
6. John Aroks	4-2½	21-17
7. E. Mack	4-3	21-17
8. Frank Buttenhoff	4-3	21-17
9. Erwin Poetschke	3-3½	18-20
10. Walter Teubner	2-4½	14-24

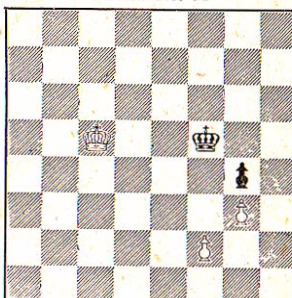
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What's The Best Move?

By Guilherme Groesser

Position No. 91



8, 8, 8, 2K2k2, 6p1, 6P1, 5P2, 8
Black to play

Send solutions to Position No. 91 to the Editor, CHESS LIFE, by May 5, 1952.

Solution to Position No. 88

This tricky little position was selected as a breather after some more difficult problems, and it was consequently surprising to find that its simplicity baffled more solvers than many of the really difficult positions published earlier. More solvers stumbled and tripped on Position No. 88 than on any of the previous positions in the last quarter.

In a game, Cortlever-Amateur, Holland, 1941, White played 1. Q-K7 ch, Q-K4 (on 1....., P-K4-2, Q-K1 ch, Q-K6 ch; 3. QxQ mate); 2. Q-K4 ch, Q-K5; 3. Q-K1 and White has black in zugzwang. On any Black move White either mates immediately or wins the Black Q with mate only a few moves off.

Most solvers followed through as far as 2. Q-K4 ch, but could not see further than a perpetual check for a draw, missing 3. Q-K3! Those who saw the second variation of 1..... P-K4; 2. Q-K1 ch as a win but thought that 1..... Q-K4 led to a draw are awarded ½ point. So simple, yet so elusive!

Correct solutions (3. Q-K3!) are acknowledged from: J. Barry (Duluth), J. E. Constock (Duluth), J. Faucher (New Haven), E. Gault (New Brighton), A. Hartwig (Peoria), B. Hockridge (Laconia), P. Klebe (West Haven), E. J. Korpany (Woodside), H. B. Lester (Laconia), K. Lay (Ripon), E. Nash (Washington), E. F. Mueller (Flint), A. J. Oszy (St. Wayne), N. P. Witting (Salem), W. B. Wilson (Amherstburg).

Half solutions (1....., P-K4; 2. Q-K1) are credited to: R. J. Bauer (Buffalo), M. Bender (Mechanicsburg), G. Banker (Kansas City), G. E. Chase (Buffalo), J. T. Dietz (Lake Arbor), A. A. Fagan (Montreal), J. Morgan (Tahlequah), F. J. Sanborn (Boston), H. C. Underwood (Washington), J. L. Weininger (Forest Hills), C. Cleve (Forest Hills).

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Marcel Duchamp and Howard Grossman, 3½-2½, David Hoffman and Mrs. William Slater, 2-4, and S. Mottur, 1-5 were the other finalists. . . . William Gompert and Myron Fleischer tied their four-game match at 2-2, so the winner of the Marshall Consolation qualifying berth into next year's championship is still undecided. . . . The Carl Pilnick's "Little Dividend" Rosemary Felice, is now two months old. . . . Rochester experts, E. Marchand and M. Herzberger, invaded New York recently, the former for a mathematicians' convention at Columbia and the latter for an optics gathering at Hotel Statler. Both visited all the chess centers and got in a lot of chess during their respective visits. . . . Larry Evans is set for a 100-board simultaneous exhibition at the Grand St. Boys Association; see the next issue of "Chess Life" for the outcome of this spectacular event!

LUDWIG CLAIMS DUBIOUS HONOR

Chess Expert Alfred C. Ludwig of Omaha claims the "dubious" honor of having participated in more U.S. tournaments in 1951 than any other player and challenges any American woodpusher to meet his record: Trans-Mississippi Open (7th), U.S. Open Championship (13th), Midwest Open (8th), Colorado Open (7th), Swenson Memorial (1st), Missouri State Open (7th), and Omaha City Championship (1st).

SAVE THESE DATES—JULY 14-25
U. S. OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP AT TAMPA



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RESHEVSKY LEADS NAJDORF

Chess Through The Ages On Display In Chessmen At Carlebach Gallery

For the month of May chess players in New York City may revel in the collection of rare, curious and beautiful chess sets on display at the Carlebach Gallery, 937 Third Avenue, where Mr. Julius H. Carlebach has assembled \$30,000.00 worth of rare chess pieces for display.

They range from diamond-studded solid gold pieces of a maharajah's set (valued at \$6,000.00) to an Imperial Russian set cast in silver (dated circa 1809) representing the embattled Russians combatting the Mongol hords. There is an ivory chess set given to Madame Pompadour by Louis XV, and a heroically proportioned tournament set with pieces four feet high made in Switzerland around 1650 when the nobles played the game on a balcony overlooking a courtyard chessboard on which the pieces were moved by pages.

Historically the collection ranges from an Egyptian pottery set (probably not chess) dating to 2,000 B. C., loaned by the Brooklyn Museum to the super-modern Man Ray's abstractly designed sets in aluminum and wood loaned by the Museum of Modern Art. In between these two extremes are sets from India, Arabia and all of Europe, ranging from a delicate set of doll-like figures in court costumes and powdered wigs (valued at \$3,800.00) of Messen china to a modern set with the carved rooks representing Hitler, Mussolini, Franco and Chamberlain. There are amber sets from the Baltic, rock crystal sets from the 10th century Fatimid period of North Africa, and English blue Wedgwood.

In modern ceramics, there are the attractive figurines of the sets made by Miss Renes Demianoff, in which friends of the artist frequently are startled to recognize themselves. Miss Demianoff partially models and partially carves her figures, and her sets have attracted considerable attention. They have been displayed at the Marshall Chess Club, whose president Dr. Lasker possesses two of her chess figures, a King and a Queen.

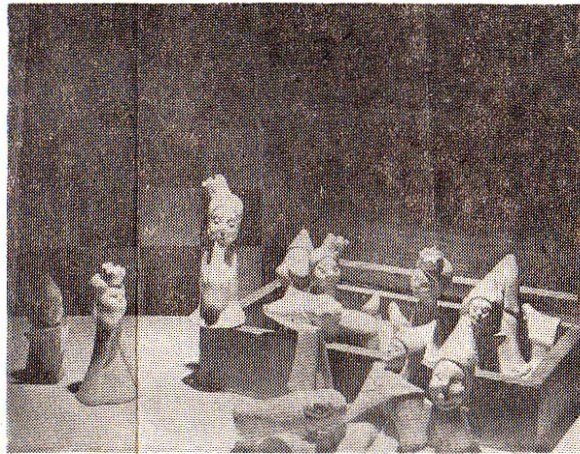
Miss Demianoff was born in Snyder, Texas, daughter of Charles Lockhart, for 15 years state treasurer of Texas. Graduated from Baylor College with a Bachelor in Journalism, she came to New York and studied are under the sponsorship of the Village Art Center. Her first chess set was made three years ago as a birthday gift for her husband. Encouraged by the Village Art Center and its founder Mrs. Maximilian Elser, Jr., she has continued creating her ceramic chess sets while studying under Aaron Goodelman, sculptor, and Bertram Goodman, painter. The Village Art Center was organized to develop opportunity for unknown artists, and has presented more than 120 shows in its own galleries and arranged for more than 300 roving art shows to acquaint the public with the work of over 350 artists.

STEINER STAGES MASTER EVENT

Energetic International Master Herman Steiner, who promoted the famous Pan-American Tourney of 1945, is busy staging a select International Tourney in Los Angeles for ten players.

The list of participants includes Svetovar Gligoric of Yugoslavia, Arturo Pomar of Spain, Arthur Duke of Oregon, Isaac Kashtan, Sonia Graf, H. Gross, and James Cross of California, Lionel Joyner of Canada, and former U.S. Champion Herman Steiner himself.

The final place will be awarded to the victor of a match of I. Rivise, R. Martin, W. H. Steckel, A. Spiller and H. Borochoy, all of California.



Ceramic chess set, creation of Renee Demianoff, of the Village Art Center, New York City, one of many chess sets on display through May at the Carlebach Art Gallery in New York City.

POSCHEL TAKES CHICAGO SPEED

The Chicago City Chess League Speed Championship at the YMCA Hotel resulted in the victory of defending champion Paul Poschel. There were 29 entries and 7 preliminary sections sorted players into semi-final events into which Champion Poschel was seeded. In the final round robin championship Poschel scored 3½-1½ drawing with Angelo Sandrin and losing to S. Cohen. Paul Adams and Angelo Sandrin tied for second with 3-2; Adams lost to Poschel and K. Nedved, while Sandrin lost to Adams, and drew with Poschel and Earl Davidson.

Walter Grombacher won the B Class finals 9-1, while V. Kurrek and G. Voltz tied for second with 8½-1½. K. Kandrovics was fourth with 6½-3½. In the semi-finals, E. Davidson won section I with 4-1, Angelo Sandrin section II with 5-0, and K. Nedved section III with 4-1.

SAN JOSE TOPS CENTRAL CALIF.

With a match score of 6-0 the San Jose Chess Club won the Central California Chess League title, compiling a game score of 4½-1½. Second place went to Sacramento with 4½-1½ and 38½-17½, while Fresno placed third in the 7 team league with 3½-2½ and 28½-18½.

Top individual scorer was Phil Smith of Fresno with 5½-½ on first board. Bean of Pittsburg was second with 4-2, and Adams of San Jose was third with 3-2. Woolfe of Stockton and Russell of Sacramento shared fourth with 2½-2½ each.

Celebrating its victory, the San Jose Club bested a combined Monterey Bay Chess League team 11-3 at Monterey. Scoring for San Jose were Bert Mueller, Jerry Slavich, Janis Kalnins, Marvin Sable, Francis Crofut, Dr. J. M. David-Malig, Lyman Daughterty, Howard Wood, Elmo Innocenti, and Angelo Rosiles, while Bill Adams and Harry Shaw drew. Saving the points for Monterey were Danny Fildow of Carmel and Russell Maethi of Santa Cruz, while George Oakes (Salinas) and Sam Lowe (Salinas) drew.

ELLIS TRIUMPHS IN NAMPA CITY

In the 20 player double round robin Nampa (Ida.) City Championship sponsored by the Nampa City Recreation Department, A. B. Ellis won the title by 36-2, losing one game each to Kirk Rush and Jerry E. Stanke. Stanke, who doubled as tournament director, finished second despite this handicap with 32½-5½, losing games to A. B. Ellis, Merle Gould, Clinton Talbot, John A. English, and losing and drawing with Kirk Rush. Third place went to John A. English with 31½-6½, while Merle Gould and Cliff Jerome tied for fourth with 25½-12½ each. Considering the length of the event, there were comparatively few withdrawals—7 out of 20 players in an event that began November 29 and continued to March 20.

RUTH CONDUCTS INQUIRER COLUMN

Master Emeritus William Ruth of Philadelphia, whose personal efforts contributed much to the large turnout of over 100 contestants in the Metropolitan Philadelphia Championship Tournament, has assumed editorship of the Sunday chess column in the Philadelphia Inquirer, a feature conducted for many years by Isaac Ash, who is now retiring. Bill Ruth begins his chess editorship with the issue of May 11.

HYDE PARK PLANS MARY BAIN SHOW

The Hyde Park Chess Club of Chicago has unusual publicity plans for the Mary Bain simultaneous exhibition at Hyde Park YMCA at 7 p. m. on Saturday, May 3. U.S. Woman Champion Mary Bain will be interviewed on TV over WBKB at 12 noon on the Bill Evans show on Friday May 2nd. Those interested in playing Mrs. Bain may contact Dr. L. Peal, Sec'y, 7103 So. Ridgeland Ave., Hyde Park 3-9118. Admission is 50 cents; admission and playing fee \$1.50; Hyde park YMCA, 1400 East 53rd.

MERCHANT WINS SQ. TEXAS OPEN

Victory in the South Texas Open Championship at Houston went to Clay Merchant of Houston on S-B points with 4½-½, with C. F. Tears of Dallas second with 4½-½. Merchant and Tears drew in their personal encounter. George Smith of Houston was third with 4-1, losing a game to Dr. S. Agmon. Robert Brieger was fourth with 3½-1½, losing to Merchant and drawing with Leslie Ghetzler. Fifth to ninth on S-B points in the 22 player 5 round Swiss were Dr. S. Agmon, R. J. Bloomfield, Blake Stevens, Kenneth Smith and Mevis R. Smith.

TAMPA STAGES SHOW FOR CHESS

In a novel plan for fund raising, the Tampa Committee for the U. S. Open Championship event has planned an Amateur Show, which will be held at the Municipal Auditorium at Tampa, seating some 2200 people. Proceeds from the show will go to the Tournament fund. Three local radio stations, the Tampa Daily Times, and the Tampa Morning Tribune are cooperating with the Committee.

ISCA APPOINTS WARREN EDITOR

The Illinois State Chess Ass'n appointed John Warren of Rock Island editor of the ISCA publication "Kastles", which will be issued bi-monthly. The ISCA Board also voted to raise ISCA dues to \$2.00 per year, but tabled a resolution to align state membership with the USCF until the annual meeting of the Ass'n during the Illinois State Championship Tournament at Hotel Fort Armstrong, Rock Island on the Labor Day weekend.

TURIANSKY LEADS CHICAGO TOURNEY

At the end of 9 rounds, M. Turiansky leads the Chicago City Championship event of the ISCA at the Lawson YMCA with 6½-1½. Second is P. Tautvaisas with 6½-2½.

RESHEVSKY GAINS BIG HANDICAP

Surprisingly, for they have finished one-two in all recent tournaments in which they both played, Samuel Reshevsky has gained a terrific handicap from Miguel Najdorf in their 18 game match by winning the first 4 games played.

The early results of the match (for the "non-communist championship of the world") indicate that Reshevsky is at his deadliest in a match, as many of his admirers have claimed.

ULVESTAD TOPS IN WASHINGTON

Olaf Ulvestad won the Washington State title at Seattle by besting Dr. A. A. Murray in a play-off game. Ulvestad and Murray tied for first place in the 9 player round robin with 6½-1½ each. Murray defeated Ulvestad in the regular event and drew with O. W. Manney, James Amidon and Leonard Sheets. Ulvestad drew with Leonard Sheets.

Tied for third were Charles Ballantine and Dan Wade with 5-3 each. Ballantine lost to Ulvestad and Murray and drew with Amidon and Sheets. Wade lost to Ulvestad, Murray and Ballantine. O. W. Manney was fifth with 4½-3½, losing to Ulvestad, Ballantine and Wade, and drawing with Murray.

KIMPTON KEEPS IDAHO TITLE

In the Idaho State Championship at Twin Falls, Laverl Kimpton retained the State title with 6½-1½ in a 14 player 8 round Swiss, drawing with William Taber, Herman Dittmann and Lloyd Kimpton. Second place went to William Taber with 6-2, drawing with C. H. Stewart, Herman Dittmann, Laverl Kimpton, and B. Harshbarger. Third place went to Herman Dittmann of Salt Lake with 4½-3½ on S-B points, while fourth to seventh on S-B points with equal 4½-3½ scores were Glen Buckendorf, B. Harshbarger, Lloyd Kimpton and C. H. Stewart.

CRITTENDEN WINS NORTH CAROLINA

Kit Crittenden continued victorious in winning the North Carolina State Championship at Durham in a 20 player 5 round Swiss with a score of 4½-½, drawing with Bill Crowder. Dr. J. U. Gunter placed second on Solkoff points with 4-1, while A. G. Ashbrook was third and Paul L. Cromelin fourth, also with 4-1. Gunter lost to Crittenden, as did Ashbrook, while Cromelin lost his game to G. C. Harwell.

The North Carolina Chess Ass'n elected George C. Harwell of Durham president, A. Henry Gae de (Charlotte) vice president, and W. J. Peters (Durham) secretary-treasurer. Members of the Board of Directors elected were: R. C. Harris (Wilmington), A. G. Ashbrook (Charlotte), Ephraim Solkoff (Raleigh), T. J. Baxter (New Bern), W. C. Adickes, Jr. (Asheville) and Dr. V. A. Davidian (Smithfield).

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HENRI RINCK

ENDGAME Studies were the special art to which the genius of Henri Rinck turned with such masterful force that he was considered the one preeminent endgame composer of the present day. Surviving his only two rivals in the art of endgame strategy, Troitsky and Kubbel, Rinck lived to the ripe age of 82, passing away quietly at Barcelona a few weeks ago. Beside his immortal compositions, he was also author of important works upon the theory of the endgame, to which he contributed so much. His final work, "1414 Game Endings," was fortunately completed just before his death; and according to "Chess," the British publication, "The first copy arrived from his printers just six days before his death and he was buried clasping it in his hand."

WHAT CHESS CAN MEAN

REFLECTING on the misfortunes of our fellow chessplayer, William J. Couture, it is impossible to avoid meditation upon the message that these misfortunes can convey.

Mr. Couture, unless saved by an appeal now pending, faces the sad necessity of serving 14 to 17 years in the Massachusetts State prison, after already serving 9 years in the Rhode Island State Prison. It is useless now to discuss the wisdom of this second sentence from a moral standpoint. But one cannot refrain from suggesting that since Mr. Couture evinced every intention of becoming a hard working and law-abiding citizen on his release from Howard, (and this is the practical purpose of modern penological theories) little was gained to society by sentencing him for an alleged felony that occurred prior to his detention at Howard. Society is merely charged with the cost of his upkeep for some 14 years longer while his own determination toward personal rehabilitation will not be strengthened by a further term of imprisonment—it runs the danger, rather, of being weakened by a sense of hopelessness and a growing conviction that the world is against him. And from a practical viewpoint, the State should have considered that a man of 38 in strength of will and endurance is better fitted to the struggle of readjustment in a world that is suspicious of all readjustments, than a man of 52 who has lost much of his vitality from prolonged restrictions.

But such speculations are fruitless; the message lies in what Mr. Couture himself has written. He has said on more than one occasion that if he had played chess as a young man, he would not have made those associations which condemned him when he first faced trial nor been in a position to be suspected of complicity in various felonies in which companions of his idle hours were involved.

To this testimony can be added that of Mr. John Ed Howarth, who wrote the editor recently that if he and Billy had played chess as youngsters, they would neither of them be in the trouble that their youthful and thoughtless associations involved them. Mr. Howarth, a friend of Mr. Couture for many years, has shared his incarceration at Howard State Prison and has likewise found his principal relief and consolation in chess. Whereas Mr. Couture sought relaxation in problem composing, Mr. Howarth has found his repose in annotating games and many of his annotations have found space in CHESS LIFE to which he has become a valued contributor.

Their joint message to the chess world outside is therefore clear: Teach chess to the youngsters and thus keep them from idle companions on the street corners where mischief is brewed from idleness. Viewed from this standpoint, chess in the schools and on playgrounds becomes increasingly important. Chess players have done much to encourage the growth of chess among youngsters; but there is much left to be done. It should be the determination of every chess player who has the interests of his own community at heart to see that the opportunity for learning chess and the facilities for playing it are readily available to all the youngsters in his community. Too many communities still lack awareness of the importance of chess for the young player; too many clubs still shie from the responsibilities of teaching and encouraging youth to play chess.

What can chess mean to the youngster? It can mean the difference between an idle mind, unoccupied by any helpful relaxation, in which idleness can lead by imperceptible degrees to evil associations and the logical fruits of such associations, or a mind relaxed by a recreational program that leaves little time for idleness in thought and loitering on street corners because there is nothing else to do.

It is significant that very few enthusiastic chess players have been convicted of crimes. We suspect that those of them publicized in the daily press, like Sutton, learned their chess in prison, where many of the more progressive wardens are encouraging their charges to learn chess in the conviction that chess players are less likely to become "repeaters"!

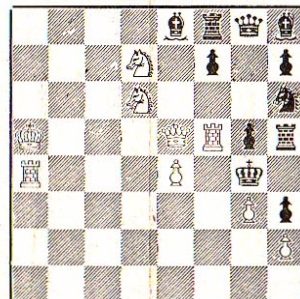
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Mate The Subtle Way!

by Vincent L. Eaton

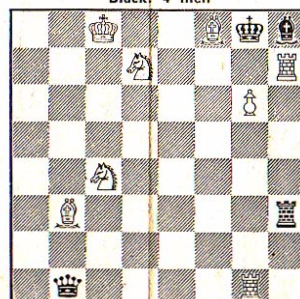
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Problem No. 325
By D. Grossi
Second Prize, British Chess
Problem Society, 1951
Black: 11 men



White: 9 men
4hrqb, 3Slip, 3S3s, K3QRpr, R3P1k1,
6Pp, 7P, 8
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 326
By Dr. A. Chicco
Fourth Prize, "Bahn Frei"
1890
Black: 4 men



White: 8 men
2K2Bkb, 3S3R, 6P1, 8, 2S5, 1B5r,
8, 1q4r1
White mates in two moves

For solutions to previously published problems, please turn to page 4.

The Reader's Road To Chess

By Kester Svendsen

M. M. BOTVINNIK: ONE HUNDRED SELECTED GAMES. Translated by Stephen Garry. Drexel Hill, Penna.: Bell Publishing Company. Pp. 272, hundreds of diags. \$4.

THIS translation of Botvinnik's *Izbrannii Partii* (Leningrad, 1949) includes his essay on the Russian and Soviet schools of chess, his six compositions, and his brief article "What is a Combination?" In his introductory remarks, the World Champion discusses his own methods of training, study, and play. The usual but invaluable indexes and a table of Botvinnik's results conclude the volume. From this last, one learns that of 578 tournament and match games, Botvinnik has won 333, drawn 186, and lost 59.

The period covered here is 1926-1946, at home and abroad. The 1948 World Championship games are apparently destined for another book. Reshevsky, Euwe, Spielmann (the famous 12-mover), Steiner are represented by a game apiece; Alekhine, Capablanca, Stoltz, Tartakover, Denker, and Vidmar, two apiece. Kanner with nine, Ragozin with six, and Boleslavsky with five are the most popular locals. The book is arranged chronologically, with seven games from the 1941 Absolute Championship, five from the 1944, and six from Groningen 1946. Botvinnik's notes are full and rich and unsparing. Crucial games like the wins from Kotov (No. 64) in 1939, Keres (No. 73) in 1941, Smyslov (No. 86) in 1944, and Boleslavsky (No. 91) in 1945 are dramatically annotated. Only a master is competent to compare the present champion's analysis with that of his immediate predecessors. Club players like the reviewer will probably find his notes less elliptical than Capablanca's, less involved than Alekhine's; and therefore more understandable than either. Often Botvinnik quotes from and discusses lines out of the voluminous analysis that appears in Russia after every major event; one wishes there were more of this material. Readers interested in the comparison will wish to know that fifty of the sixty-two games selected by Reinfeld for his *Botvinnik the Invincible* (which covers almost the same period) were also chosen by the champion for inclusion in his own book.

Botvinnik regards his win from Vidmar (No. 97) as his best in the first half of the Groningen tournament: but I give here No. 98, the great draw with Euwe, which carries this comment: "A fighting game! Without doubt its ending will be given in all future textbooks on the endgame."

Groningen 1946. Queen's Gambit Accepted. White: Botvinnik; Black: Euwe.
1. P-Q4, P-Q4; 2. Kt-KB3, Kt-KB3; 3. P-QB4, P-P; 4. P-K3, P-K3; 5. BxP, P-B4; 6. O-O, P-QR3; 7. P-QR4, Kt-B3; 8. Q-K2, B-K2; 9. R-Q1, Q-B2; 10. Kt-B3, O-O; 11. P-QK1, B-Q2; 12. B-Kt2, QxK1; 13. P-Q5, P-P; 14. Kt-xP, Kt-Kt; 15. BxKt, B-K15; 16. Q-B4, B-R4; 17. BxKt, QxK1; 18. Kt-K5, Q-K1; 19. R-Q5, R-Q1; 20. Kt-Q7, R-Kt; 21. RxB, Q-Q11; 22. R-KB1, P-KK13; 23. R-R3, R-Q8; 24. P-KK4, R-Rch; 25. KxR, P-QK4; 26. PxP, P-P; 27. Q-B4, P-B3; 28. P-K4, Q-Q8ch; 29. K-Kt2, B-Q3; 30. Q-B3, QxQch; 31. RxQ, B-K4; 32. BxB, PxB; 33. R-B3, R-B1; 34. K-B3, K-B2; 35. K-K3, K-K3; 36. P-B4, P-Pch; 37. KxP, P-B5; 38. PxP, P-P; 39. P-R4, P-R3; 40. P-Kt5, P-R4; 41. K-K3, K-K4; 42. R-B2!! ("The only move."); P-B6; 43. K-Q3, R-Q1ch; 44. K-K3, R-Q5; 45. RxP, RxPch; 46. K-B3, R-P; 47. R-B6, R-B5ch; 48. K-K3, R-K5ch; 49. K-B3, K-B4; 50. R-B6 ch, KxP; 51. RxP ch, Drawn.

Chess Life In New York

By Eliot Hearst

CHESS life in New York is indeed at its peak of activity! For when else could any chess fan have personally met the international masters visiting here now or watched with interest the first games of the titanic Reshevsky-Najdorf match or even taken a board in several of the recent simultaneous exhibitions (blindfold and otherwise!) all within the space of a few weeks! The large number of unusual events makes their adequate coverage impossible; only a few words can be devoted to each.

But first, before reporting any results of exhibitions and the like, a personal introduction to the foreign masters now staying in New York is certainly not out of order. . . . Svetozar Gligorich, Yugoslav grandmaster who is planning a coast tour of the U.S. with several simultaneous already scheduled in California and N. Y., is an extremely likeable and exuberant young man who, unlike our other visitors, speaks quite understandable English. Many of you may consider the youthful Slav's rise to stardom meteoric, like a sudden bolt from relative obscurity to international master; but it seems this is not really the case, as Gligorich attained the necessary practice and experience for such a jump during the war years when there was little chess publicity and his exploits as a young student went unrecognized. In Yugoslav Championships from 1945 on he has two first places to his credit and has never done worse than seventh in this most heated competition. Gligorich, whose wife remained behind in Belgrade when he traveled to Havana and now the U. S., had an ulterior motive for coming to America, it seems, "The Russians don't allow any of their chess books to be sold in Tito-led Yugoslavia; in the U. S. at least I'll be able to obtain Soviet analysis which is indispensable for any master." A strong reason without question!

It is often said that child prodigies are mere flashes in the pan—that their powers wane shortly but their conceit remains. Arturito Pomar of Spain explodes this myth; shy, good-humored and extremely modest, Arturo can look back on his years as Alekhine's pupil and opponent as contributing much to his present master strength, and his play, as evidenced by his defeat of Reshevsky at Havana, has lost none of its former power. Twenty years old now and a pre-engineering university student at Madrid, Pomar also is scheduled for several exhibitions in the New York area before he returns home. Pomar was, as all others who visit this metropolis, most impressed by the immensity of the buildings here, but he also expressed his enjoyment of the U. S. movie "Westerns" (which he graphically illustrated to your reporter by pointing his two index fingers straight ahead and making clicking sounds!) popular in Espana too. That Arturito is a "Caballero" can be proven by the fact that he only succeeded in scoring one loss and two draws in a three game match with yours truly's eighteen-year-old sister; "A Spaniard never beats a woman!" he says with mock gravity! Luckily my small knowledge of Spanish and French enabled me to achieve a somewhat enviable position with the Spanish expert, for he speaks no English beyond "OK" and "Coca-Cola!"

Nicholas Rossolimo is perhaps the only other visiting master who needs something of an introduction, since Najdorf and Guimard have been discussed in other connections. The French master has already settled down in N. Y. in a typical Greenwich Village abode (Continued on page 3, col. 1)

Chess For The Tired Business Man

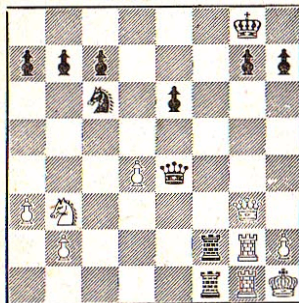
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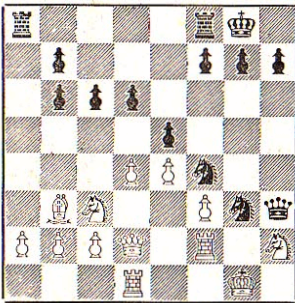
IN RECENT YEARS we have had a great many fine books on chess, dealing with almost every conceivable aspect of the game. Yet these books have neglected what is after all the primary object of a game of chess: the actual process of checkmating your opponent's King. The purpose of this book is to instruct you, the reader, in all the many ways of achieving checkmate.

Diagram 67
Black moves
PAULSEN



BEUTHNER
Leipzig, 1863

Diagram 68
Black moves
BLACKBURN



AMATEUR
Norwich, 1871

White. The pin is too much for R6 mate. 67. 1. ... R-Rch; 2. K-R, Q-K8

68. 1. ... Q-Kt7ch; 2. R-Q, Kt-R6 mate. Most artistic.

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N. Y. CHESS LIFE

(Continued from page 2, col. 5) (paintings and all) and together with his wife and young son he intends to remain here permanently. His inability to converse in English may hinder him for a while in his search for an occupation outside of chess here ("No one can be a chess professional in the U. S."), but a man of his talents should have little trouble attaining eventual success. A little-known attribute of the former Frenchman is his great skill at another sport — jiu jitsu (of all things!), for included among the scrapbook clippings which his family dutifully keeps are numerous allusions to his dexterity at that endeavor also. Rossolimo, too, it is reported, was more "upset" by the Havana revolution and coupe d'etat than the Cuban populace itself; when the sudden seizure of power was carried through right in the middle of the tourney, Rossolimo was in first place, but he then mysteriously lost three games in a row to spoil his chances for a really high prize. If there had been no revolution, who can tell what might have happened?

IN BRIEF: Larry Evans scored 36 wins, 15 draws, and 2 losses in a monster 53 board exhibition at the Grand Street Boys Club recently. One of the less sophisticated spectators was heard to mutter at the start of the simultaneous, "It must be annoying to play so

many games at once!" One might say that, I guess! About 25 of the games had to be adjudicated by Arturo Pomar and others, since the club closed at midnight — early for such an exhibition. ... Najdorf scored 3 wins (vs. Kahn, Mott-Smith, and Saxon) and 3 draws (with Bisno, Mrs. Gresser, and Gutwood) in a six board blindfold display at the Manhattan C.C. His play was scintillating and much more precise than in his previous exhibition there last summer. ... Mrs. Mary Bain thrilled another crowd at the Marshall C. C. with a blindfolded Knight's Tour and memory contest without error; after her display E. Hearst gave a simultaneous exhibition, finishing with 19 wins, 3 draws, and 2 losses (to A. Damon and J. Klieger). ... Ken Smith, champion of Texas, and Larry Friedman, former U. S. Junior titlist, were visitors to N. Y. recently; Smith leaves for Europe shortly with his Air Force unit. ... Columbia beat Harvard, 3½-½, at the Marshall C. C. to retain the championship of the Ivy (C-H-Y-P-D.) league and the Belden-Stevens trophy. ... Hans Knoch is the new secretary and tournament director of the Manhattan C. C. ... Lots of news next issue.

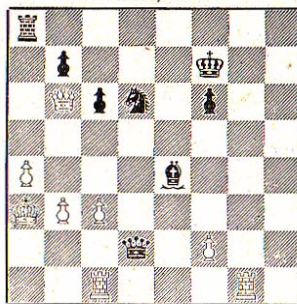
FEDERAL TOPS D. C. LEAGUE

The Federal Chess Club of Washington topped the District of Columbia League with a match score of 9½-1½ and a game score of 65-23. After nine straight victories the Federal team weakened at the finish and drew with Arlington and lost to the Divan "Red" team in the last two rounds. Second place went to the Library of Congress team with a match score of 8½-2½, while Washington Chess Divan "Blue" placed third with 8-3 and 53½-33½. Arlington was fourth with 8-3 and 46½-36½ in the 12 team contest.

Members of the victorious team were N. T. Whitaker (6-2), Nathan Robins (6-2), H. V. Klein (5½-3½), John Wall (6½-2½), Ernest Boschman, captain (7-3), Lars Korstrom (7-0), Erich Saxl (5½-1½), J. C. Williams (5-2), Morris Mansfield (5-2), George Vidlak, Vito Mirabile, William Plampin, F. S. Howell, H. C. Underwood and I. Romanenko.

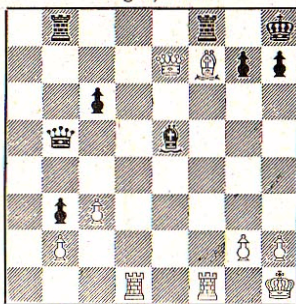
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Position No. 79
Tartakover vs. Euwe
Venice, 1948



r7, 1p3k2, 1Qnsp12, 8. P3b3, KPP5, 3q1P2, 2R3R1
Black to play and win

Position No. 80
Treybal vs. Prokes
Prague, 1902



1r3rk1, 4QbPp, 2p5, 1g2b3, 8, 1pP5, 1P1PP, 3R1R1
White to play and win

Finish It The Clever Way!

Conducted by Edmund Nash

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IN Position No. 79, White resigned after Black's fourth move as he was faced with mate or the loss of his Queen on the sixth move. The sacrifice of two pieces initiates the combination.

A little more subtlety is involved in Position No. 80. Black resigned after White's third move as he was faced with mate or the loss of a piece.

Readers Wm. C. Adickes, Jr. (Asheville, N.C.) and Frank J. Valvo (Guilderland Center, N.Y.) correctly point out a mate in five in Position No. 78. The first three moves were as given, but there should follow: 4. Q-R7 ch and 5. B-K16 mate, thus saving one move.

For solutions, please turn to page four.

With The Chess Clubs

University of Oklahoma Chess Club (Norman) elected Thomas G. Maskaleris president, D. C. Gruver secretary. CHESS LIFE book-reviewer Dr. Kester Svendsen is faculty sponsor. A new demonstration wall-board graces the club, the artistic work of Dr. Robert Hardin, professor of Industrial Education. In the current club championship, Sheldon Einhorn, former Manhattan Chess Club player, holds the lead.

Buckeye Chess Nuts (Fremont, O.) saw the club championship go to Carroll Binsack with 11½-2½, for his fourth consecutive victory. Waldemar Walter was second with 10½-3½, while Carl Spieldenner with 9½-4½ was third and Chan- cey D. King with 8½-5½ was fourth. A prize of "How to Play Better Chess" was awarded to the last place player.

Corpus Christi (Tex.) Chess Club was host to Lodewijk Prins at a simultaneous exhibition in which the Dutch master won 20 games and lost two. Victors were Charles H. Fuchsman and Bruce Starzenski.

Hyde Park (Chicago) Chess Club saw Larry Evans win 25 and lose 5 in a simultaneous exhibition. Winners from the U.S. Champion were Walter Grombacher, A. Kaufman, C. J. Moore, William Newman and A. Tech. After the simultaneous Larry lectured on chess, using the consultation game of Prins - Evans vs. Reshevsky - Horowitz as the basis on which to build his remarks.

Lasker Chess Club (Chicago) of the Jewish Peoples Institute at 3500 Douglas Blvd. meets Sunday afternoons. In its expanding program of chess activities an simultaneous exhibition by Illinois State Champion K. Nedved is planned in the near future.

Mt. Rose Chess Club (York Co. Pa.) of the Mt. Rose Junior High School meets every Monday 2:40 to 3:30 p.m. with Clyde S. Deiter as club instructor and director. Organized in 1937 by Mr. Deiter and a student, Jeff Bortner, it has existed continuously since then.

The Noreco Chess Club (Cincinnati), sponsored by the Norwood Recreation Commission opened Tuesday evening, February 19 with its quarters in the Norwood City Hall. It is open to chess players in the greater Cincinnati area.

Oakdale (Calif.) Chess Club elected C. J. Smith president for the fourth year in a row. Hans Mortensen was named vice-president and Scott Sampson was re-elected secretary - treasurer. Al Buerer was chosen tournament director. Meeting night was changed to Monday nights at Tullock Hall basement of the Episcopal Church.

South Fallsburg (N.Y.) Chess Club defeated and drew with Ellenville Chess Club in a two game match. In the first match Conwit, Cohen, Balducci, B. Kagan and Feldman won for St. Fallsburg while Boettger salvaged the Ellenville point in the 5-1 rout. In the second 2½-1½ draw, Conwit and Balducci scored and B. Kagan drew for So. Fallsburg while Gehrig and Gersho won and O'Connor drew for Ellenville.

London Terrace (New York) Chess Club saw Dr. R. C. Slater win the club championship 5-1, drawing with Howard Grossman and USCF President Harold M. Phillips. Phillips was second with 4-2, losing a game to David Hoffman and drawing with Slater and Marcel Duchamp. Grossman placed third with 3½-2½ on S-B points, while Marcel Duchamp was fourth, also with 3½-2½.

Tri-City Chess Club (Borger, Tex.) triumphed 6-4 over the Amarillo Chess Club at the Elks Club in Amarillo. A return match will be played at Borger. Scoring for Tri-City were Frank Condon, T. L. Goddard, O. D. Thompson, Walter Morgan, Mason Wilt, and Mrs. Thompson, while Joel Quinones, Elmer L. Miller, F. H. Muegler, and William Camp tallied the points for Amarillo.

Germantown Y (Philadelphia) Chess Club elected D. A. Giulio president, F. Clarkson vice-president, W. Kappel treasurer, and D. Prevette secretary. G. Raich was appointed Publicity director and Mrs. Mary Selensky Tournament director. A recent 11-board match with Allentown Y resulted in a 5½-5½ draw.

Cincinnati (Ohio) Chess Club held a simultaneous exhibition by Larry Evans at the Hotel Sinton. The U.S. Champion won 15 games and conceded one draw to Dr. P. G. Kenney, noted problemist who conducted the CHESS LIFE problem feature for many months.

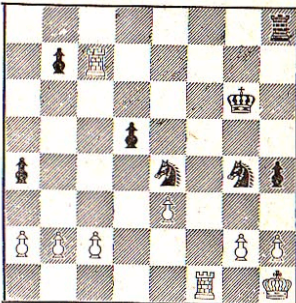
Chess Life

Sunday, April 20, 1952

What's The Best Move?

By Guilherme Groesser

Position No. 92



Black to play
7r, 1pR5, 6k1, 3p4, 3p3sp, 4P2, PPPPP, 5R1K

Send solutions to Position No. 92 to the Editor, CHESS LIFE, by May 20, 1952.

Solutions to Position No. 89

Strangely enough, some of our most skilled solvers failed on this amusing position, whereas the majority of solvers found the correct solution. The game Gawlikowski-Simagin, Przeglądka Memorial Tourney, 1951 actually continued with 1. P-R8(Q) ch, K-R2; 2. Q-QR6, Q-K17 ch; 3. K-K1, Kt-B7 ch; 4. K-R2, Kt-Q and ended in a draw. But the winning line of play is: 1. P-R8(Q), K-R2; 2. Q-R8 ch, Kt-Q (obviously not ... K-K13; 3. Q-Q3-R6 ch, K-K2; 4. R-R7 ch; 5. Q-R6 ch, K-K1 (not ... R-R2; 4. R-R8 ch, Q-K1; 5. R-Q ch, K-R; 6. R-K1 ch, Kt-Q (if ... K-K1; 6. R-R8 ch, Q-R; 7. R-K1); 6. ... Q-R8 ch, K-R1; 7. Q-R8 ch, Q-Q; 8. R-R8 ch, K-R2; 9. R-Q, K-R; 10. R-XP and wins.

Most solvers who failed to find the solution were trapped by overlooking the fact that any second move except one giving check permitted Black to play 2. ... Q-K17 ch, followed by 3. ... B7 ch winning one of the

White Q's.
Correct solutions are acknowledged received from: G. Banker (Kansas City), R. J. Bauer (Buffalo), J. E. Comstock (Duluth), C. Joachim (Seattle), J. Kaufman (Beverly Hills), P. Klobe (West Haven), F. D. Knuppel (New York City), E. J. Korpany (Woodside), K. Lay (Ripon), Dr. J. Melnick (Portland), E. F. Muller (Tulsa), Y. V. Ganesov (Montclair), F. J. Sanborn (Boston), J. Skoff (Joliet), F. J. Valvo (Guilderland Center), J. L. Weininger (Forest Hills), N. P. Witting (Salem).

Partial solutions (following the main line, but believing it results in a draw by missing the final combination) to which are awarded ½ point go to: J. Faucher (New Haven), E. Gault (New Brighton), E. Nash (Washington).

COUTURE HOLDS HOPE OF APPEAL

Chess problemist and correspondence player William J. Couture, who was released from Rhode Island State Prison at Howard after serving nine years out of a ten year sentence, is again in prison, having been convicted of a robbery count for a crime alleged to have occurred prior to his detention in Rhode Island. The new sentence is 14 to 17 years, given by a Massachusetts court.

Writing from prison, Couture expresses hope that his appeal to a higher court will be sustained and his innocence finally proven. Failing this he plans to continue with chess insofar as he can, never losing hope that someday he may tread the free world and meet the friends who have sustained him during his years of confinement.

In phrasing his thanks for the support he has received from chess players, Couture expresses the hope that many of these will write him but apologizes for the fact that he will be unable to play correspondence chess with them, at least for the present. He may be addressed as: William J. Couture, Box 100, Charleston 29, Mass.

Huntington YMCA (W. Va.) Chess Club sponsored a school tournament at Huntington, awarding a trophy to winner Teddy Mayer of Oley School. The tournament was the fruit of much unselfish labor at teaching chess to youngsters by Don Burdick and Paul Sayre.

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NAJDORF STAGES RALLY



MARY CHESS STEALS THE SHOW!

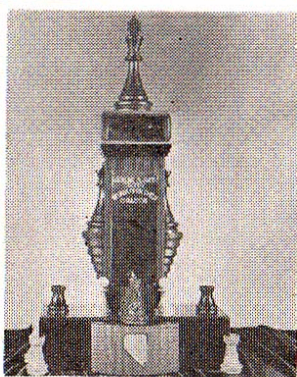
Left to right, USCF Director James R. Watson, USCF Vice-President Edward I. Treend, Arno Koch, president of the Edison Chess Club, and victor Richard F. Mahon admire the prize-award of Mary Chess perfume.



TROPHIES GALORE!

Raymond A. Smith, left, presents the permanent and traveling trophies representing the Nevada State Championship to Maurice Gedence, center, while William T. Adams, right, holds the Raymond A. Smith Nevada Open Championship Trophy.

Photo: Courtesy Deseret News



RAYMOND A. SMITH
TROPHY

Nevada Open Championship
King: Karat gold, bronze lacquer, on maple.

Base: Birdseye Maple, from North American and Canada.

Black King: In plastic, African Blackwood from Africa (Legend: Captured King is laid down when defeated, cannot be moved from the board).

Top Copping on column: India Ebony from India and West Indies.

Center Column: Vermillion Wood, from Andaman Islands.

Half Queens, side: Purple Heart from Guianas and South America.

Plate: Sun Ray Brass, engraved.

Pawns: Holly, from U.S.A. and Canada.

Rooks: Vera Wood from Northern South America (set on Cuban Mahogany, from Cuba, on top of base).

Base: (Front ends and back) Purple Heart, Guianas and South America.

Corner Rooks: Birdseye Maple, U.S.A. and Canada.

Half Bishops: Birdseye Maple, U.S.A. and Canada; on ends (set on white plastic).

Semi-Circle: (On Front Base) Ceylon Satinwood, beeswing figure, from Ceylon; (top, bottom, sides) India Ebony, from India, West Indies; (Map of Nevada) Sterling Silver.

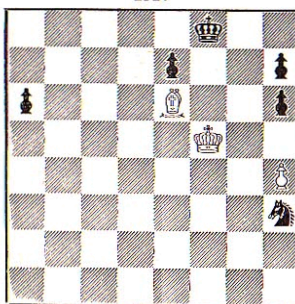
Knight, mounted on semi-circle: Cocoloba, from Central America; (Eyes of Knight) Blue Zircon set in 10 Karat Gold.

Trophy designed and created by Herman Dittmann.

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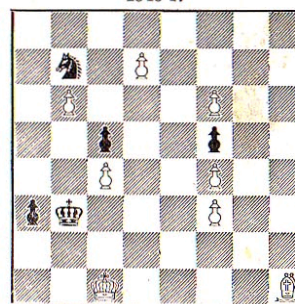
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Position No. 91
By Henri Rinck
1st Prize, L'Eco degli Scacchi
1917



5k2, 4p2p, p3B2p, 5K2, 7P, 7s, 8, 8
White to play and draw

Position No. 92
By V. Karolkov and F. Bondarenko
From Soviet Chess Compositions
1946-47



8, 1s1P4, 1P3P2, 2p2p2, 2P2P2, pk3P2,
8, 2K1B
White to play and win

White To Play And Win!

Conducted by William Rojam

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POSITION NO. 91 we published in memory of Henri Rinck, the great genius of endgame strategy; it won a well-deserved first prize.

Position No. 82 is another of the fine examples of the Soviet school of endgame composition. Both of these fine studies were referred to this editor by Problemist Vincent L. Eaton.

In our next installment, we plan to present that rarity, compositions by an American composer, in a series produced by Mr. Robert S. Brieger of Houston, Texas, who has already appeared in these pages with some excellent examples of endgame strategy.

For solutions, please turn to Page four.

Wives Enjoy The Prizes Husbands Win In Edison Chess Club Championship

Unique was the word for the prizes awarded in the Edison Chess Club Championship in Detroit—prizes that were appreciated by the chess widows of all participants who during the event were known to encourage hubby to do his best, rather than wondering audibly why he had to waste time pushing those foolish figures around on a board.

The prizes consisted of several sets of Mary Chess Perfume, bottled appropriately in glass vials in the form of various chessmen—a set consisting of one King, one Queen, two Rooks, two Bishops, two Knights and eight Pawns, all filled with delicate Mary Chess perfume.

To the victor went one complete set of 16 pieces, but all the other participants received, according to final ranking, one or more pieces with the tail-enders obtaining Pawns. This caused a punster to exclaim that even the defeated enjoyed the scent of victory!

In the part the usual prize awards were the gift of the late William Van Dyke, chairman of the Wayne County Library Board, who passed away on February 4, 1952. Mr. Van Dyke donated one set, and anonymous donors provided the other Mary Chess pieces.

Richard F. Mahon was the husband of the lucky winner, scoring 18½-2½ to provide his wife with perfume for countless days to come. Mahon drew with Wiley D. Sanderson and conceded loses to James R. Watson and Marsh J. Gunnis. Second on S-B points with 17½-3½ was James R. Watson, who lost games to Edward I. Treend, Ralph Gierston and Edward Basherian, while drawing with Rignald M. Blachford. Third, also with 17½-3½, was USCF Vice-President Edward I. Treend who lost games to Mahon, Abra O. Mason, and John A. Lohla, while drawing with Gierston. Marsh

J. Gunnis was fourth with 16-5, and R. M. Blachford fifth with 15-6 in the 22 player round robin event.

THREE-WAY TIE IN ST. LOUIS

The St. Louis District Tournament, somewhat weakened by the absence of Robert Steinmeyer, R. E. Pohle, and John Ragan, ended in a three-way tie at 6-2 between Charles M. Burton, William H. C. Newberry, and Eugene J. Roesch. There will be no play-off. Other players in the invitational event finished: Frederic S. Anderson with 4½-3½; Missouri State Champion Harry A. Lew, Roland A. Alpi, and Edmund Godbold with 3-5 each; Lewis W. Haller with 2½-5½; Raymond Vollmar with 2-6.

WADE CAPTURES PUGET OPEN

Dan Wade of Seattle took the Puget Sound Open 5½-½, drawing with Ted Warner who placed second with 5-1. Third in the 6 round 9 player Swiss was Glenn Muller with 4-2. Warner also drew with Joe Cerretelli, while Muller lost games to Wade and Warner. Fourth place went to Ken Mulford with 3½-2½, losing to Wade and Warner, and drawing with H. O. Skarsten.

RESHEVSKY LEAD COMMANDING

As the New York section of the Reshevsky-Najdorf match ended, former U.S. Champion Reshevsky held the impressive lead of 7-1 over his opponent. Drawing the fifth and eighth game, Reshevsky won the other six for an advantage that can scarcely be overcome in the remaining ten games, even by superhuman play upon the part of Najdorf. The rest of the match will be contested in Mexico City and San Salvador.

At Mexico City, Najdorf rallied to win and draw the first two games.

ADAMS TRIUMPHS IN NEVADA OPEN

William T. Adams of San Jose (Calif.) won the Nevada Open Championship at Reno and possession of the beautiful Raymond A. Smith trophy with 7-1 score in the 30 player 8 round Swiss event. Adams was undefeated, but drew with M. M. Gedence and James J. Jackson. Gedence placed second with 6½-1½, winning the Nevada State title. He was also undefeated but drew with Adams, Jackson, and Louis N. Page of Salt Lake City. Third and fourth on S-B points with equal 5½-2½ scores were atomic scientist William Benedetti of Las Vegas and Salt Lake City Chess Club president Farrell Clark. Benedetti lost to Adams and Chappuis, and drew with Gaston Chappuis. Clark lost to Benedetti and Don Crawford of Boise, and drew with Glen Buckendorf of Buhl.

This strongest of Nevada tournaments had five participants from California, six from Utah, five from Idaho and thirteen from Nevada. It was sponsored by Raymond A. Smith, co-owner of the famous Harold's Club, who provided the beautiful trophy, the prizes, a gala banquet and a special \$100.00 prize to the blind Idaho player Don Crawford for his brilliant victory over Clark.

NJSCF REQUESTS ASS'N BY-LAWS

The New Jersey State Chess Federation is rewriting its constitution and by-laws, and requests that other State Associations furnish it with copies of their own constitutions for study and comparison. Copies of such by-laws should be sent to Morris C. Shulman, NJSCF President, 397 East 27th St., Paterson 4, N. J.

POMAR, GLIGORIC PLAN SIMULS

The two distinguished European masters, Arturito Pomar, now 20, and Svetozar Gligoric, both playing in the International Tourney at Los Angeles, are available for simultaneous dates. Interested clubs may contact either player, care of Herman Steiner, 108 No. Formosa Ave., Los Angeles, Calif.

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MAGNANIMA MENZOGNA!

WE have just finished perusing a bulletin entitled in slightly magniloquent pride "The Greatest American Chess Event Ever To Be Held!" and with the poet of "Jerusalem Delivered" we were tempted to exclaim in admiration: "Magnanimous lie! And when was truth so beautiful that it could be preferred to thee?"

This brochure was prepared to extol the merits of the intercity match between Philadelphia and Washington at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds, and we have no quarrel with its contents in so far as the match itself is concerned. We doubt if it could be termed by any stretch of imagination the "greatest American chess event," but the promoters should be pardoned a little prideful hyperbole. Certainly, if numbers are a criterion, as the author of the bulletin seems to think, the match at Aberdeen does not compare with either of the two USA vs. Canada overboard matches that were played from coast to coast and were much more important from the point of social and promotional publicity to chess. And, as a matter of fact, it was scarcely larger than the annual matches between Chicago and Milwaukee which were played during the thirties and about which neither city made exorbitant claims on the basis of numerical participation. It is also doubtful if such an intercity match is more important than such focal events as the U.S. Opens which in recent years have been almost as large. We do not mean to disparage intercity matches, for they are a very important factor in chess development; but we suggest that they be viewed with a sense of proportion.

But we do object to the misinformation disseminated on pages three and four of this bulletin regarding the Laws of Chess. Mr. Whitaker says: "There are no laws at present! They vary in different countries, they have been amended often, they are not uniform, and are in chaotic condition." Surely Mr. Whitaker, as a self-appointed reviser of the Laws of Chess, must be well enough informed on his chosen subject to know that this statement is incorrect. But as his readers may not so well informed, we will state briefly that the Laws of Chess issued by FIDE in 1929 are still in force, they are the Laws officially recognized not only by the United States Chess Federation, but also by almost all foreign chess federations which are members of the FIDE. This means that the FIDE Code is being used today in the United States, Great Britain and almost all of Europe—and any statement to the contrary is misleading and incorrect.

That these Laws needed complete revision has long been recognized (it was recognized before Mr. Whitaker began his activity) and FIDE has been endeavoring to create a new code for a number of years. As Mr. Whitaker sagely comments, "It is not easy to write the laws of Chess"; and consequently FIDE is acting in wisdom to consider the matter carefully and not to accept the first version presented to it.

In the October 5, 1949 issue of CHESS LIFE, we published the present FIDE Code, the proposed new code prepared by Mr. Wood's committee and Mr. Purdy's criticism of the Wood proposal and own suggestions for a new code. At that time we invited our readers to submit suggestions and ideas for a revised code for forwarding to the FIDE Committee. Aside from a well-prepared document from Mr. Christin of Canada, there was no response, as the readers were evidently willing to leave the matter of code revision to experts. For that reason we did not publish the latter proposals of the French Chess Federation and of FIDE President Rogard, although the U.S. Federation has had the text of these proposals for study and consideration for some five months (since early in November, 1951).

For clarity, it might be added that Mr. Whitaker heads a committee that was appointed by the Southern Chess Association, and is presumably authorized by that body to prepare a code for that particular Association; he has not been authorized to prepare a code for the United States Chess Federation, as a hasty reading of his bulletin might suggest to the reader.

Montgomery Major

IDAHO STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Twin Falls, 1952

1. L. Kimpton (Twin Falls) W7 D3 D3 W11 W4 D6 W9 W5 6½-1½ 35.00
2. W. Taber (Reno, Nev.) D7 D3 D1 W8 W13 W4 W6 D5 6-2 31.50
3. H. Dittmann (Salt Lake, U.) W7 D2 W10 D1 W13 L4 L6 D5 4½-3½ 23.50
4. G. Buckendorf (Buhl) L7 D2 W3 L1 W8 W11 W5 D12 4½-3½ 22.50
5. B. Harshbarger (Filer) W7 D2 D10 D3 L1 W11 L4 W14 4½-3½ 20.50
6. Lloyd Kimpton (Twin Falls) L2 D10 W3 D1 D11 D13 D9 W14 4½-3½ 19.50
7. C. H. Stewart (Boise) D2 L3 L1 W4 W9 L5 W14 W12 4½-3½ 19.50
8. H. Jancis (Boise) L2 W10 L11 W13 L4 D9 W14 D12 4-4 14.00
9. D. Murphy (Twin Falls) L7 L10 L1 D8 W13 D6 W13 W12 4-4 12.25
10. Raymond Smith (Reno, Nev.) 3½-4½ (15.00); 11. D. Crawford (Boise) 3½-4½ (10.25);
12. J. Kinney (Twin Falls) 3-5 (11.00); 13. S. Sampson (Twin Falls) 2½-5½ (9.75); 14. B. Brede (Twin Falls) 1½-7½ (1.75).
Results not in round order.

Mate The Subtle Way!

by Vincent L. Eaton

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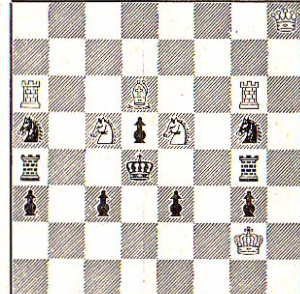
Problem No. 327

By Montgomery Major

Oak Park, Ill.

First Publication

Black: 10 men



White: 7 men
7Q, 8, R2B2R1, s1SpS1s1, r2k2r1,
p1p1p1, e1k1, 8
White mates in two moves

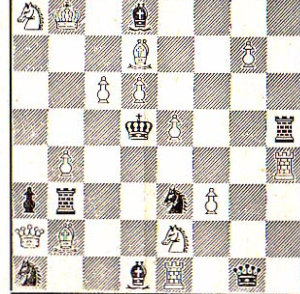
Problem No. 329

By P. ten Cate

Rotterdam, Holland

First Publication

Black: 9 men



White: 14 men
SK1b4, 3B2P1, 2P4, 3K2P, 1P5R,
pr2P2, QB2S3, s2B1R1q
White mates in two moves

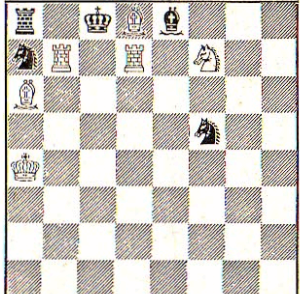
Problem No. 328

By Vincent L. Eaton

Silver Spring, Md.

First Publication

Black: 5 men



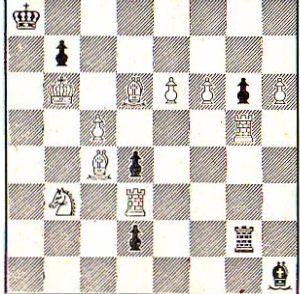
White: 6 men
r1kBb3, sR1K1S2, B7, 5s2, K7, 8, 8, 8
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 330

By R. C. O. Matthews

2nd Prize, British Chess Magazine

1951



Black: 7 men
White: 10 men
k7, 1p6, 1K1BPPpP, 2P3R1, 2Bp4,
1S1R4, 3p2r1, 7b
White mates in three moves

For solutions to previously published problems, please turn to page 4.

NORTH CAROLINA CHAMPIONSHIP

Durham, 1952

1. K. Crittenden (Raleigh) W2 W20 D11 W13 W3 4½-½ 13.50
2. Dr. J. U. Gunter (Durham) L1 W9 W18 W6 W5 4-1 14.50
3. A. G. Ashbrook (Charlotte) W12 W8 W13 W7 L1 4-1 14.50
4. Paul L. Cromelin (Charlotte) L6 W12 W17 W10 W7 4-1 12.00
5. W. J. Peters (Durham) W8 W6 L7 W11 L2 3-2 15.50
6. G. C. Harwell (Durham) W4 L5 W14 L2 W12 3-2 15.00
7. T. E. Makens (Pineville) W17 W19 W5 L3 L4 3-2 13.00
8. M. M. y Vedia (Durham) L5 L3 W16 W18 W13 3-2 11.50
9. A. H. Gaede (Charlotte) L20 L2 W19 W17 W11 3-2 9.50
10. R. L. Hubbard (Chapel Hill) L18 W15 W20 L4 W17 3-2 8.50
11. Bill Crowder (Greensboro) W16 W14 D1 L5 L9 2½-2½ 14.00
12. Lawrence Wallace (Smithfield) 2-3 (14.50); 13. D. A. Kahn (Charlotte) 2-3 (14.00);
14. Wm. Bonners (New Bern) 2-3 (9.50); 15. J. M. Scales (Durham) 1½-3½ (9.50);
W. S. Stewart (Chapel Hill) 1½-3½ (9.00); 17. H. Raymond Weeks (Durham) 1-4 (14.50); 18. T. J. Baxter (New Bern) 1-4 (14.00); 19. Dr. V. A. Davidson (Smithfield) 1-4 (10.00); 20. Wm. Chapman (Durham) 1-4 (7.00).
Chapman withdraw after second round. Soloff points used to break ties.

SOUTH TEXAS OPEN

Houston, 1951

1. Clay Merchant (Houston) W7 W4 D2 W5 W6 4½-½ 14.75
2. C. F. Tears (Dallas) W17 W8 D1 W10 W5 4½-½ 12.75
3. George Smith (Houston) W20 W12 L5 W8 W11 4-1 9.00
4. Charles Ballantine (Houston) D19 W14 W19 W10 3½-½ 6.75
5. Dr. S. Agmon (Houston) W15 W16 W3 L1 L2 3-2 6.50
6. R. J. Bloomfield (Lake Jackson) W13 W14 L10 W15 L1 3-2 6.50
7. Blake Stevens (San Antonio) L1 L11 W20 W16 W12 3-2 5.50
8. Kenneth Smith (Dallas) L22 L2 W9 L5 W14 3-2 5.00
9. W. R. D. Smith (Houston) L12 W22 L8 W19 W15 3-2 5.00
10. D. B. Martin (Fort Worth) D18 W13 W6 L2 L4 2½-2½ 6.25
11. Wm. A. Bills (Houston) L14 W7 W16 D12 L3 2½-2½ 6.25
12. Louis Dina (Fort Worth) W9 L3 W17 D11 L7 2½-2½ 6.25
13. Waldo Watkins (Lake Jackson) L6 L10 D21 W30 W18 2½-2½ 2.75
14. M. D. Blumenthal (Houston) 2-3 (4.50); 15. Norman Nippell (Houston) 2-3 (2.50);
16. C. H. Fuschman (Corpus Christi) 2-3 (2.00); 17. H. R. McDavid (Fort Worth) 2-3 (0.50); 18. James A. Creighton (Corpus Christi) 1½-3½ (2.75); Leslie Ghetzler (San Antonio) 1½-3½ (1.75); 20. Leon Weiner (Houston) 1-4 (0.25); 21. Lloyd Pessarra (Freeport) 1-4 (1.25); 22. Rafael Tudela (Houston) 0-5 (0.00).

WASHINGTON STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Seattle, 1952

1. Olaf Ulvestad (Seattle) x 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 6½-1½
2. Dr. A. A. Murray (Olympia) 1 x 1 1 1 1 1 1 6½-1½
3. Charles Ballantine (Seattle) 0 0 x 1 1 1 1 1 5-3
4. Dan Wade (Seattle) 0 0 x 0 1 1 1 1 5-3
5. O. W. Manney (Seattle) 0 0 x 0 x 1 1 1 4½-3½
6. James Amidon (Seattle) 0 0 x 0 x 0 x 1 1 3½-4½
7. Leonard Sheets (Seattle) 0 0 x 0 x 0 x 1 1 2½-5½
8. Dr. Shepard (Seattle) 0 0 x 0 x 0 x 1 1 1½-6½
9. Floyd Hebert (Seattle) 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 x 1-7
Ulvestad won the play-off game from Dr. Murray.

NEVADA OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Reno, 1952

1. W. Adams (San Jose, Cal.) W21 W10 W3 W22 W15 D2 D11 W5 7-1 31.50
2. M. Gedence (Las Vegas, Nev.) W23 W14 D12 D11 W22 D1 W3 W7 6½-1½ 28.50
3. Benedetti (Las Vegas, Nev.) W25 W5 L1 D13 W4 W6 L2 W11 5½-2½ 24.50
4. F. Clark (Salt Lake, U.) W20 W21 L22 W17 L3 W23 D7 W12 5½-2½ 21.00
5. W. Tubor (Reno, Nev.) W8 L5 W9 D7 D12 W22 W15 L1 5-3 21.75
6. P. Neff (Salt Lake, U.) W17 D15 L11 W16 W13 L1 D12 W14 5-3 20.75
7. G. Buckendorf (Buhl, Ida.) W18 L12 W25 D5 W26 W14 D4 L2 5-3 18.75
8. L. Kimpton (Filer, Ida.) L5 W19 L14 D24 W16 D9 W23 W15 5-3 18.50
9. W. Hendricks (Calif.) D11 D13 L5 W30 D10 D8 W18 W17 5-3 18.00
10. Lloyd Kimpton (Filer, Ida.) W24 L1 L15 W25 D9 W13 D17 W22 5-3 18.00
11. Jackson (Nellis AFB, Nev.) D9 W16 W5 D2 D14 D15 D1 L3 4½-3½ 22.25
12. L. Page (Salt Lake, U.) W27 W7 D2 L15 D5 W26 D6 L4 4½-3½ 19.00
13. G. Chappuis (Salt Lake, U.) D16 D9 W20 D3 L6 L10 W26 W24 4½-3½ 16.25
14. H. Wood (San Jose, Cal.) W19 L2 W8 D28 D1 L7 W22 L6 4-4 15.25
15. G. Kirby (San Jose, Cal.) W30 D6 W10 W12 L1 D11 L5 L8 4-4 14.25
16. R. Day (Carson City, Nev.) D13 L11 W28 L6 L8 W21 D19 W23 4-4 12.50
17. R. Kilian (Fallon, Nev.) L6 D28 W30 L4 W24 W25 D10 L9 4-4 10.50
18. B. Harshbarger (Filer, Ida.) 3½-4½ (10.25); 19. Harold Kispert (Nev.) 3½-4½ (9.25);
20. Paul Castenholz (Nev.) 3½-4½ (6.50); 21. Dr. N. B. Joseph (Nev.) 3½-4½ (6.00); 22. D. Crawford (Boise, Ida.) 3-5 (11.50); 23. Irvin Taylor (Salt Lake, U.) 3-5 (10.50);
24. Gabor Istvanvi (Nev.) 3-5 (9.25); 25. Fred Soly (Nev.) 3-5 (7.75); 26. Herman Dittmann (Salt Lake, U.) 3-5 (7.50); 27. W. G. Blau (Carson City, Nev.) 3-5 (4.00);
28. Dr. D. McInturf (Sunnyvale, Calif.) 2-6 (4.25); 29. John Culnan (Nev.) 1-7 (3.50); 30. R. A. Smith (Reno, Nev.) 1-7 (1.00).

Chess Life In New York

By Eliot Hearst

It requires no great insight or penetrating analysis to discover what's on the minds of all New York chess fans right now and certainly this same bit of chess news will cause many gasps of astonishment and surprise as it reaches the chess centers throughout the nation and the world. We are referring of course to Reshevsky's overwhelming and certainly insurmountable 7-1 lead over Najdorf at the conclusion of the first lap of their important match. With but ten games remaining, half in Mexico City and the other five in San Salvador, Najdorf can retain little hope of salvaging anything but his honor; a few victories, at least, might serve to put him back on his feet in the chess world and satisfy his many disillusioned admirers.

Certainly no one suspected that the outcome would be so one-sided. In this struggle, billed as the "championship of the Western, non-communistic world", both players were given equal chances for victory and there were no predictions at all of certain victory for one contestant or the other. Had not Najdorf gone undefeated for over a year now playing almost continuously in master tournaments and had not Reshevsky proven his own great skill by finishing no worse in any tourney since the 1948 World Championships? It is not for us here to try to explain the unexpected result, except to mention that Reshevsky's famous qualities — determination, refusal to quit, and incisive play in time pressure — are certainly factors in which Najdorf appears to be rather deficient; in fact, most of his losses came as a direct result of superior rapid play by the American when both were short of time and of Reshevsky's tenacity in unfavorable positions. Another point may perhaps be added; winning the first game gave the former U.S. Champion a distinct psychological advantage, especially since Najdorf attacked vigorously and made no pretense of being amenable to a draw. After an initial defeat in matchplay, one cannot sit back and be content to play solid chess; unlike tournaments, when someone else may knock off the leader and regain the lost point, one must attempt to regain it oneself by vigorous play. Perhaps this may explain Najdorf's rashness and lack of consideration for positional solidity in the next few games. At any rate Reshevsky, with six wins and two draws in the first eight games can well be proud of his achievement, and the prestige of American chess has certainly benefitted from his smashing play in competition with another of the world's top masters.

Arturo Pomar, before leaving for California and the international tourney scheduled to begin there April 26th, gave several exhibitions in the metropolitan area and the youthful Spanish master created quite a sensation (among the women at least!) by refusing to defeat a single member of the fairer sex in simultaneous play. Even though materially ahead or in a tremendous position, Pomar always offered a draw when the finish was in sight — an offer rarely refused! A humorous incident can be related in connection with the one defiant refusal made: at his Marshall C.C. exhibition Pomar was a queen ahead in the end game and was obviously shocked when his opponent, Mme Von Haebler, disdained his proffer of a half-point. The twenty-year-old exhibitor finally managed to exchange all the pawns and then, remaining with a queen and king against his doughty foe's lone monarch, forced a cute stalemate and thus avoided breaking his vow of "nunca vencer a una mujer". The results of

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For The Tournament-Minded

Fred Witzel Memorial Tournament Jersey City, N.J.

Will begin shortly, date unspecified, at Jersey City YMCA Chess Club as 100% USCF rated event; for details contact Wm. Walbrecht at the club or telephone So. Sq. 3-0147.

May 17-18 Indiana State Championship Logansport, Ind.

Begins at Barnes Hotel, Logansport at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, May 17; five round Swiss; open to all Indiana residents including students attending Indiana schools; first place tied decided in round robin, otherwise S-B tie-breaking; for details write: D. E. Rhead, 2715 Green St., Gary, Ind.

May 22-24 Central Washington Champion- ship Yakima, Wash.

Open to residents east of the Cascades; begins 2:00 p.m. May 17 at Yakima Business College, 416 West Yakima Ave.; for details write: Oliver LaFreniere, 2807 W. Yakima Ave., Yakima, Wash.

May 22-24 South Dakota State Championship Rapid City, So. Dak.

Open to all, state title to ranking resident; six round Swiss; play begins 1:30 p.m. Thursday, May 22 at Montana-Dakota Utilities Hospitality Room, Rapid City; entry fee \$5.00; for details, write: M. F. Anderson, Box 1466, Rapid City, So. Dak.

June 7-8 28th Trans-Mississippi Championship Davenport, Iowa

Open to all; conducted by Tri-City Chess Club at Davenport Chamber of Commerce; 6 round Swiss; entry fee \$5.00; \$90.00 first prize; \$227.00 cash prizes plus merchandise and special awards; entries close at 12:15 p.m. CST, Saturday; play ends 8:00 p.m. Sunday; bring clocks if available; for details, write: John Warren, 1336 15th St., Rock Island, Ill.

June 13-15 North Carolina Open Championship Wilmington, N.C.

Open to all, out-of-state players invited; at Community Center; begins 7:00 p.m. Friday June 13; 6 round Swiss; prizes; membership in NCCA required; a rated tournament; for details, write: Mr. Harris, Director, Department of Recreation, Wilmington, N.C.

July 3-6 Southern Chess Ass'n Championship Meridian, Miss.

Open event; Swiss tournament; prizes; at Great Southern Hotel under auspices of Meridian Chess Club; details later.

August 1-4 Colorado Open Championship Denver, Colo.

Open to all; two champions, open and state; \$100.00 cash first prize; entry fee \$6.00; for details, write: Merl W. Reese, tournament director, 1740 Glenarm, Denver 2, Colo.

TRAYERS WINS MASS SCHOLASTIC

Victory in the 16 player Swiss Massachusetts Interscholastic Championship at Phillips Brooks House in Cambridge went to John Trayers of Salem High with a perfect 6-0 score. Second place on S-B points went to Shelbourne Lyman of Boston Latin, while David Rosenbaum of Brookline High placed third, also with 5-1. Fourth and fifth on S-B points with equal 4-2 scores were Gerald Farrah of Boston English and Edward Snyder of Perkins Institute. Edward Snyder and his school mate Robert Rathbun who placed in a tie for seventh with 3-3 deserved special commendation for their high ranking, in that they played under the handicap of blindness.

RUBINOW WINS MASS STATE MEET

Sol Rubinow, now of Boston, won the 20 player 6 round Swiss Massachusetts State Championship in Boston with 5½-½, drawing one game with Shelbourne Lyman, who placed second with 5-1. Lyman also drew with C. Heising. Heising placed third with 4½-1½; losing a game to Rubinow. Fourth to sixth on S-B points with equal 4-2 scores were S. E. Dreyfus, Harlow B. Daly, and W. M. P. Mitchell. Dreyfus lost to Lyman and Calhmer; Daly lost games to Rubinow and John Hubert; and Mitchell lost to Dreyfus and A. B. Calhmer.

By agreement, Rubinow will defend the State title against the three top scorers in a tournament held at Northampton and the victor of an event on the North Shore in a small tourney to be held at Worcester. Victor in this event will be declared the State Champion.

In the Massachusetts B Class Tournament held at Cambridge, the victory went to S. Lorriss with 6-0 in a 4 player 6 round Swiss. Second was G. Maher with 5-1, losing a game to Lorriss, while H. Narry placed third with 4-2, losing games to Maher and G. Nute, who placed fourth on S-B with 3½-2½, while Dr. Lement placed fifth, also with 3½-2½.

TAYLOR HI TOPS WEST PA LEAGUE

Taylor-Allderice High School won the Western Pennsylvania Scholastic Chess League title by defeating Ambridge High 8½-6½ in a series of three matches held at the Downtown Y Chess Club of Pittsburgh. The Taylor-Allderice team will now meet Central High School of Philadelphia to determine the Pennsylvania Scholastic Team Championship.

ANDERSON SCORES DOUBLE VICTORY

Frank A. Anderson of Toronto scored a double victory in quick succession by taking the Toronto City Championship 6½-1½ on S-B points and then winning, again on S-B points the Ontario Provincial title with 4½-1½.

In the Toronto City Anderson shaded Ross Siemms, who led most of the way, and finished in second also with 6½-1½, losing his last round game to A. Lidacis. Anderson and Siemms drew in their personal encounter.

In the Ontario Provincial Anderson lost a game to John Despard and drew with L. Z. Sarosy. Despard, who also scored 4½-1½, lost a game to Ivan Suk, who finished third with 4-2 on S-B points, and drew with Ross Siemms. Siemms placed fourth on S-B points with 4-2, while Earl T. Jewitt was fifth, also with 4-2.

COLORADO OPEN BECKONS TO ALL

The second annual Colorado Open Championship, August 1-4, beckons chess vacationists with the lure of \$100.00 cash first prize and all the beautiful scenery that a chess family could desire. The Denver Chamber of Commerce plans a series of side trips to the Garden of the Gods, Pikes Peak, etc. for the chess widow and children while deserted by their husbands. City and State Champions from 10 states competed in last year's event, from New Jersey to California; and the sponsors anticipate that every state in the union will be represented in the coming event.

PARKER CAPTURES PORTLAND TITLE

Dwight Parker with 8½-1½ score won the Portland (Me.) City Championship in the tournament sponsored by the Portland YMCA Chess Club. Second place went to Dr. J. Melnick with 8-2, while Raymond Duval finished third with 7-3 in the 11 player round robin event.

BAIN APPOINTED AS MOSCOW ENTRY

U.S. Women's Champion Mary Bain has been designated by FIDE Vice-President Harold M. Phillips as the official U.S. entry in the Women's World Championship Candidates Tournament at Moscow this year. President Phillips also designated former U.S. Women's Co-Champions, N. May Karff and Gisella K. Gresser, as alternates to the event, recommending that they be invited to fill any vacancies occurring by the inability of scheduled contestants to compete. Miss Karff and Mrs. Gresser participated in the first Woman's World Championship event in Moscow, while U.S. Women's Champion Mary Bain represented the USA at Stockholm some years ago.

GORDON, JOYNER TIE IN L. A. CO.

The Los Angeles County Championship ended in an 11½-2½ tie between Morris Gordon and Lionel Joyner. Raymond Martin was third with 11-3, tied with Steve Mazner, while Sven Almgren and Arthur Spiller tied for fifth with 9-5 in what was a very close contest.

Gordon lost games to Joyner and Mazner, while drawing with Sam Geller. Joyner lost to Almgren and drew with John Keckhut, Larry Woronzoff, and Herbert Abel. Martin lost to Gordon, Joyner and Woronzoff, while Mazner lost to Joyner, Martin and Almgren. Mrs. Gregor Piatrigorsky did well, finishing with 4½-9½ in very tough competition.

Joyner won a play-off match 3-1 to gain undisputed possession of the county championship title.

BRASK TRIUMPHS IN ATTLEBORO

Sven Brask, undefeated, won the 1952 Attleboro City Championship with 13-1 in the 15 player contest, outpointing runner-up Frank Gustafson who finished with 12½-1½ for second place. Brask drew with Gustafson and Robert Burns.

At the annual banquet, held at the conclusion of the tournament, Brask gave a simultaneous exhibition against the other entrants in the tournament, scoring brilliantly with 9 wins, 3 draws and 2 losses.

OVEREEM WINS BERGEN-PASSAIC

The 20 player 5 round Swiss Bergen-Passaic Counties Championship went to Henry Overeem with 4½-½ on S-B points. Second place with 4½-½ went to Saul N. Yarmak who drew in his encounter with the victor. Third to ninth with equal 3-2 scores were Robert Clayton, Al Eitmanas, S. Wooldridge, Jerry Potash, Alfred Cheavr Isaac Yarmak and Zoltan Farkas.

CHIPMAN TOPS WASH JUNIOR

On S-B points Dennis Chipman of Seattle won the Washington State Junior Championship with 5-1. Second, also with 5-1, was Allen Clark. Third and fourth with equal 4-2 scores on S-B points were Oliver LaFreniere and Ted Warner. Chipman lost a game to LaFreniere while Clark bowed to Chipman in their encounter. Frener in the 6 round 11 player Swiss event, while Warner was downed by Chipman and drew with Jorgen Baden and Douglas Gorton.

DREIBERGS TOPS SAGINAW VALLEY

Leon Dreiberger scored 5-0 to win the Saginaw Valley Championship at Saginaw (Mich.) in a 12 player 5 round Swiss. Second place went to LaVerne Morgan with 4-1, losing a game to Dreiberger. Third to sixth on S-B points with equal 3-2 scores were Al Brauer, John Reddy, John Lapin and Preston Higley.

N. Y. CHESS LIFE

(Continued from page 2, col. 5) his exhibitions are, for the record, as follows: at the Marshall C.C. 17 wins, 2 losses and 3 draws; at the London Terrace C.C. 11 wins, 3 losses and 4 draws; and in two displays at the Spanish Benevolent Society (which by the way has quite a number of enthusiastic chessplayers) he scored a total of 37 wins, 4 losses and 2 draws. Spectators are immediately impressed by Pomar's unhesitating play; he moves more quickly than any other master your reporter has ever seen exhibiting. For other club players throughout the nation who may meet Pomar in simultaneous play some day soon, here's a helpful hint on preparing an opening — quite a la Weaver Adams, he plays P-K4 on all boards!

IN BRIEF: An unexpected upset of the Marshall C.C. by the N.Y. Academy of Chess in the annual Met League matches leaves the Manhattan C. C. 3-0, clearly in first place. With two rounds to go, culminating in the traditional Marshall-Manhattan last round struggle, Academy and Marshall are tied for second with 2-1. Marshall Reserves and Columbia 1-2, and London Terrace 0-3 are the other competitors this year. . . In their yearly tandem simultaneous on the Columbia University campus, E. Hearst and J. Sherwin scored 57 wins, 3 draws, and 5 losses in an exhibition lasting seven hours. . . Svetozar Gligorich, who is also competing in the international tourney in Los Angeles, scored 27 wins and 4 draws in his display at the Log Cabin C.C. He will return to New York later for more displays at other metropolitan chess centers, probably in May.

Alekhine's Career

(Continued from page 3, col. 5) "Military measures" were mainly applied in order to get for them leaves of absence and to hold open for them, for the time of their being "commandeered" to the tournament, their places of employment.

Another "military" aspect of the tournaments was that the participants were quartered in the barracks of the higher organizational courses of Vseobuch. Since they also had to take their meals there, they received only the rather "scanty" (Ilyin-Zhenevsky) rations allotted to the students of these courses, and this almost led to a strike of the masters who submitted the following ultimatum:

Announcement of the Participants of the All-Russian Chess Olympics. In view of the considerable deterioration of the supply situation, we consider it necessary to announce that under obtaining conditions we are not in a position to continue the tournament and will be forced to discontinue it as of Sunday October 17 unless the following demands will be complied with:

- 1) an advance of 15,000 rubles per person;
- 2) whatever cheese is left, is to be handed over at once to the participants;
- 3) the bread ration has to be increased or a compensation for bread in some other form to be granted;
- 4) cigarettes have to be given out at once.

P. Rotskysky, A. Kubbel, I. Rabinovich, I. Golubev, I. Danilushvsky, M. G. Levenfish. (Ilyin-Zhenevsky, op.cit. p. 44; this ultimatum is also mentioned by Alekhine in "Schachleben in Sowjet-Russland" p. XI.)

EXCUSE IT!

In listing the contributions to the U.S. Championship Tournament, the \$25.00 contribution attributed to Dr. O. M. Wehrley should have been credited to the Milwaukee Chess Ass'n of which Dr. Wehrley is treasurer; and likewise the \$25.00 contribution attributed to A. E. Elo should have been credited to the Wisconsin State Chess Ass'n of which Mr. Elo is treasurer. We regret that these two errors occurred.

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Alekhine's Early Chess Career

Additional Data
By A. Buschke

V. ALEKHINE IN SOVIET-LAND

DURING the year 1920, Ilyin-Zhenevsky's impact on Russian and especially Moscow chess life becomes more and more apparent.

As Commissar of the Head Office of General Military Education ("Vseobuch"—an abbreviation for "Vseobshcheye Voennoye Obucheniye," incorrectly transliterated and translated by Alekhine on p. IX of "Schachleben in Sowjet-Russland"), he

participated with eminent specialists in the field of physical culture (Fizkultura) in devising programs for the pre-draft training of the workers (and) suggested to them to include in these programs also the study of chess. I was prompted to make this suggestion by the circumstance that in talking of sport they appraised it not from the point of view of its influence on the physical part of men, but from the point of view of its influence on the human character. The principal value of sport—so they said—consists in perfecting spiritual qualities in men, which are extremely important for fighters. Here by force the parallel with chess offered itself. Chess, too, and in many instances even more than sport, brings out courage, invincibility, coldheadedness, will, in men, and, most important, and that cannot be said of sports, chess develops in men strategic abilities. (Ilyin-Zhenevsky, in "Memoirs of a Soviet Master"—Russian—1929, p. 38-39.)

His suggestion was carried out, and the heads of the branch offices of "Vseobuch" were instructed to "cultivate" chess and to organize chess clubs; the Vseobuch organ "K Novoi Armii" opened, under Ilyin-Zhenevsky's direction, the first Soviet chess department; not enough with this,

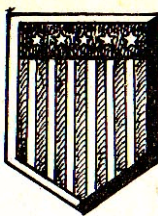
in order to give this chess department the widest circulation, we printed it not only in the magazine (see "K Novoi Armii"), but also on special sheets, which we circulated for a modest fee among the Moscow chess players, thus collecting means for a chess organization. (Ilyin-Zhenevsky, *ibid.*)

By one of those strange and fortunate coincidences, the head of the Moscow local of "Vseobuch" happened to be V. N. Russo, a well-known checkers ("Shashki") player and an enthusiastic supporter of both chess and checkers. He immediately took a very active part in establishing in Moscow a central chess and checkers club, found "luxurious" quarters—even Alekhine mentions "ein glanzendes Logis von 6 Zimmern" ("splendid quarters of 6 rooms")—and heated ones, at that; in the heart of Moscow.

When in the spring of 1920 the idea of an All-Russian Sports Olympiad to be staged in the fall of that year was brought up in the Vseobuch, it was, under such circumstances, only natural that Ilyin-Zhenevsky's suggestion to combine with such "Olympic Games" a chess tournament, similar to the one that had taken place in Stockholm in 1912 in connection with the Olympic Games was immediately accepted.

While the general Olympics, fell through, the "Chess Olympiad" including a Championship Tournament, as well as a tournament for "amateurs" took shape, and for the first—and possibly the last—time in the history of chess, a tournament was arranged by military authorities and in the rather unusual form of "commandeering" participants by orders of military authorities to Moscow where they had to report by October 1, 1920. Incidentally, as Ilyin-Zhenevsky hastens to add (p. 42, *ibid.*), it was not at all necessary to apply "force" because all chess players who had been "rounded up" by the military authorities and brought on the way to the Olympics were only too glad to accept the invitation. (Please turn to page 3, col. 4)

**SAVE THESE DATES—JULY 14-25
U. S. OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP AT TAMPA**



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RESHEVSKY WINS MATCH

Kujoth Wins Wisconsin State Title In 70 Player Event At Waterloo

In a State Tournament which set a new record for such events in number of participants, Richard Kujoth regained the Wisconsin State title which he has held thrice previously with 6½-½ in a seven round Swiss. Kujoth drew with Dr. L. C. Young of Madison, and his only narrow escape was in a victory over former Chicago Champion Einar Michelson, now of Burlington, in which a draw seemed the probable result.

Dr. Young, who kept pace with Kujoth through the length of the tournament, lost the title narrowly by an upset defeat in the final round to Robert Schmidt of Milwaukee. Schmidt lost to Mark Surgies in the third round but was thereafter undefeated for second place with 6-1, while Dr. Young placed third with 5½-1½ on S.B. points. Einar Michelson, who lost to Kujoth and drew with Averill Powers, Milwaukee chess editor, placed fourth, also with 5½-1½.

Sixth to eleventh on S-B points with equal 5-2 scores were Mark Surgies, Marshall Rohland, John Grkavac, Ralph Abrams, John Fashingbauer, V. Liepskahlans.

The entry list was one of the strongest for any Wisconsin event in addition to being the largest. But there is some question whether seven rounds is sufficient to handle 70 players with complete accuracy. While several noted Wisconsin players, such as former State Champion Arpad Elo, Dr. O. M. J. Wehrley, Orville Francisco and Edward Veng, eliminated each other, players with less reputation on slightly easier schedules slipped ahead of them in final ratings. This, which is always a possibility with the Swiss, could have been better controlled with a few more rounds of play. If Wisconsin continues to hold such large events, it will begin to need more time for the playing of them.

At the annual meeting of the Association, Frank Stokes of Waterloo was reelected president, Adam Stikl of Green Bay became vice-president, and Arpad E. Elo of Milwaukee was retained as secretary-treasurer. The 1953 Wisconsin State Championship was awarded to Green Bay.

The 1952 event was ably directed by Ernest Olfe and Paul Liebig and playing conditions were ideal despite the unseasonable mid-summer heat.

SMITH TRIUMPHS IN MONTANA

Victory in the Montana State Championship at Lewistown went to Adam Smith of Butte with 5-0 in the six player round robin. J. W. Stevenson of Great Falls was second with 3-2, losing a hard one to Lowndes Maury and refusing a proffered draw from Adam Smith to whom he eventually lost. Former State Champion J. Van Teylingen and Lowndes Maury tied for third with 2½-2½. Van Teylingen lost to Smith and Stevenson, while Maury lost to Smith and Van Teylingen; both drew with John R. Barto.

The Class A tourney ended in a tie between M. D. Garretson of Great Falls and James Shiere of Butte, who expect to hold a playoff for the title. Art Thompson of Hilger won the Class B title; and Kim Miller of Great Falls swept the Junior group.

John Barto of Great Falls was elected president of the Montana Chess Ass'n and J. W. Stevenson of Great Falls the secretary-treasurer. The 1953 tournament will be held in Great Falls.

TURIANSKY TOPS CHICAGO CITY

Miroslav Turiansky scored 8½-2½ to win the Chicago City Championship in a strong field of contenders, losing no games but drawing with Tautvaisas, Cohen, Dahlstrom, Albert Sandrin and John Tums. A very close contender, Poilas Tautvaisas finished second with 7½-3½, losing games to Cohen, Davidson, and Nedved, and drawing with Turiansky. Tautvaisas was neck and neck with Turiansky until he lost unexpectedly to Davidson in the semi-final round, and then in over eagerness to win lost to Cohen while Turiansky was held to a draw by Dahlstrom.

Sam Cohen placed third with 7-4, losing to Angelo Sandrin, Dahlstrom and Davidson, while drawing with Turiansky and Nedved. Angelo Sandrin was fourth with 6½-4½, while tied for fifth were Burton Dahlstrom, Earl Davidson, Illinois State Champion Kimball Nedved and Albert Sandrin with equal 5½-5½ scores.

The tournament was conducted by Illinois State Chess Ass'n and the contributing sponsors were Lewis J. Isaacs, Sol R. Friedman, Maurice Seymour, and Dr. Donald R. Abel.

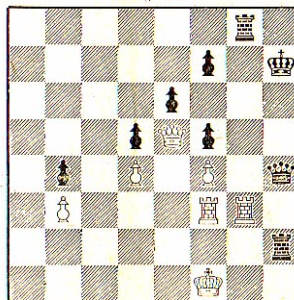
PENQUITE TOPS IOWA STATE

Young John Penquite of Des Moines with a perfect 5-0 score won the 31 player 5 round Swiss at Waterloo to gain the Iowa title which he shared in 1951. It was the first time since the championship event was resumed in 1948 that the victor had a perfect score. Second to fourth on S-B points with equal 4-1 scores were S. Sorenson, C. H. Gray and Marvin Baldwin; all three lost their games with Penquite. A. C. Ludwig of Omaha again directed the tournament.

HESSE CAPTURES LEHIGH VALLEY

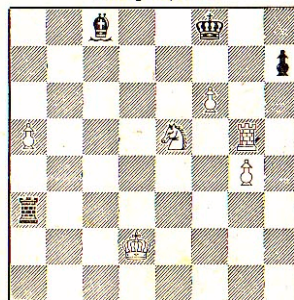
Herman V. Hesse of Bethlehem triumphed in the Lehigh Valley championship at Allentown with 9-1, losing a game to Paul Sherr in the 11 player round robin. T. C. Gutekunst of Allentown was second with 8½-1½, losing to Hesse and drawing with M. M. Simsak. Simsak placed third with 8-2, losing to Hesse, and drawing with Gutekunst and Armin Herrmann. W. W. Young of Allentown was fourth with 7-3 losing to Hesse, Gutekunst and Simsak.

Position No. 81
Taimanov vs. Heller
USSR, 1951



6r1, 5p1k, 4p3, 3pQp2, 1p1P1P1q,
1P3RR1, 7r, 5K2
White to play and draw

Position No. 82
Szabo vs. Botvinnik
Budapest, 1952



2b2k2, 7p, 5P2, P3S1R1, GP1, r7, 3K4, 8
Black to play and draw

Finish It The Clever Way!

Conducted by Edmund Nash

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THE ability to draw apparently lost games is the hallmark of the Grandmaster. Confidence in this ability encourages the enterprising player to undertake venturesome actions in the opening and mid-game and produces exciting chess.

In Position No. 81, White missed a problem-like forced draw in four moves and lost the game.

In Position No. 82, Black saw the three-move combination, involving the sacrifice of the exchange, which leads to an unusual theoretically drawn position. This position is taken from the 18-man international tournament in honor of Geza Maroczy held in Budapest in March. Keres was first with 12½ points; Heller second with 12; tied for third with 11 were Botvinnik, Smyslov and Stahlberg; then followed Szabo (10½), Petrosian (9½), and O'Kelly (9).

For solutions, please turn to page five.

How the Rating System Works

By KENNETH HARKNESS

USCF Rating Statistician

(Kenneth Harkness, co-author of "An Invitation to Chess" and author of "Invitation to Bridge" is the inventor of the mathematical rating system adopted by the USCF to rank American chessplayers. In this series, Mr. Harkness explains the mechanics of the system.—The Editor.)

MANY readers of CHESS LIFE were favorably impressed by our recent forecast of the results of the international tournament at Havana. With one or two exceptions, which we will hasten to explain now that the race is over, the predictions were about as near as you can come without the use of a crystal ball.

To get some idea of how closely the national rating system measures tournament playing strength, let us compare the ratings earned at Havana with the last averages of the contestants:

Player	Last Average	Havana Rating
Najdorf	2704	2725
Reshevsky	2714	2725

We predicted a photo-finish between these two grandmasters, giving the edge to our ex-champion. An unexpected draw with one of the tailenders cost Sammy the first prize, so he tied with Najdorf.

Note how the ratings earned at Havana confirm the correctness of the previous ratings — and vice versa. A difference of less than 50 points is negligible.

We claimed that any one of these three could take third prize. It was Gligoric who came in third, with Eliskases and Evans tied for fourth and fifth.

Without the aid of ESP (extra-sensory perception) and relying solely on the past performances of the players, as measured by the rating system, we claimed that

Rosolimo, Horowitz, Guimard and

Prins would finish hereabouts, giving a slight edge to the French champ Rosolimo.

The ex-Parisian, now a welcome resident of the U.S., came through as prophesied; but Cuba's Dr. Gonzales, playing on his home grounds, horned in to take 7th prize.

So Dr. Gonzales was under-rated! It has happened before, and it will happen again. Prior to Havana, the Cuban master had played in only four rated tournaments, so the system has not really had a chance to produce an accurate average. Dr. Gonzales may be an improving player who has not yet reached his peak, or we may just lack data on his performances in Cuban tournaments.

Horowitz finished about where we said he would. In the early rounds, when this American player was leading the field, his friends were figuring out what his income tax would be on the first prize. Later, Horowitz got bumped around and sank to his normal level. The system knows!

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NAJDORF FAILS IN LAST ROUNDS

With two games to play, Reshevsky has already clinched the title of Champion of the Non-Communist World with a score of 10½-5½ by winning the 14th game, drawing the 15th, and winning the 16th game. The two remaining games can not affect the final result. In many respects the 30-move 16th game was the most impressive victory in the match.

GLIGORIC WINS AT HOLLYWOOD

Svetozar Gligoric topped the Hollywood International Tournament with 7½-1½, while Arturito Pomar placed second with 7-2 and Herman Steiner third with 6-3. Arthur Duke and Lionel Joyner tied for fourth with 5-4.

A qualifying tourney, held to place the tenth man in the Hollywood tournament ended in a victory for Raymond Martin with 4½-1½. William H. Steckel was second with 3½-1½, Arthur Spiller third with 3-3 and Irving Rivise fourth with 1-5 in the double round event. Martin lost a game to Steckel and drew one with Rivise.

NAJDORF TRIMS RESHEVSKY LEAD

In the five games at Mexico City, Miguel Najdorf staged a rally to overcome a part of Reshevsky's commanding lead in their 18 game match. In Mexico Najdorf won three games and drew two to make the standing 8-5 in Reshevsky's favor — a marked improvement over the 7-1 score of the games in New York. The duelists now move to San Salvador for the final five games, and interest in the match has been considerably revived by the Najdorf rally in Mexico.

OMAHA INVITES JUNIOR EVENT

Omaha has invited the U. S. Junior Championship to be played in its city, the scene of the recent 1950 U. S. Open Championship. Provisional dates for the event have been set as August 25-30, so as not to conflict with a number of other announced tournaments. Details will be announced later.

INGLE REPEATS IN WYOMING

Chester Ingle successfully defended his Wyoming State championship with 6-0 in a 12 player 6 round Swiss at Thermopolis. Second place was a tie between Ted Nast and Arch Bliss with 4-2 each. Both lost to Ingle, and Nast lost to Bliss while Bliss lost to Don McManus. Fourth place went to Victor Stalick with 3½-2½, losing games to Ingle and Bliss, and drawing with Harry Ingalls.

The Big Horn Basin chess team won the team matches, replacing Casper, sweeping all five matches. Members of the victorious team were Chester Ingle and Jim Johnson of Thermopolis, R. E. Scott of Powell, Harold Pickett of Worland, and Tom Reed of Thermopolis.

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NOT WORTH THE CANDLE?

IT IS a poor sport that is not worth the candle, said George Herbert. But Chess seems oft-times such a sport in the opinion of its amateurs who scorn to lend the needed support to those organizations by which alone Chess can live and thrive while its followers wax proud.

Thus, those of us who have devoted our years and exhausted our energies in the forbidding task of creating what apparently chess players want created—a strong national organization to develop chess—we may be pardoned if perchance eventually we tire of the fruitless struggle against the weighted apathy of chess players as a class. If we, growing weary before our years entitle us to the luxury of weariness, look eagerly to that happy moment when we can cast our burdens on the younger and stronger shoulders of those who have not yet faced inevitable disillusionment, who can condemn us?

Your editor confesses that he may no longer evade the dispondancy which eventually enraps almost all organizers for chess. For some five and one-half years he has struggled to create in CHESS LIFE a self-supporting vehicle of chess expression, dedicated to the unity of chess in these United States under the guidance of the United States Chess Federation. After these five and one-half years, not greatly crowned with success, he must now confess that his modest talents were unequal to the task.

It seems, therefore, appropriate to suggest that another more fortunate individual might succeed where he has failed.

Your editor had retired from organizational chess work when he was persuaded to return to create CHESS LIFE and edit it. He knew what he assumed when he accepted that task. He knew, for example, that he was dedicating most of his evenings and weekends to a thankless job that would leave him weary, cause his own family to eye him with caustic suspicion, and make his personal friends suspect him of being the unfortunate victim of some strange form of insanity. He knew that he was accepting the role of target at which every crank and disgruntled individual would aim malicious, libelous and derogatory tirades. He knew that he would automatically be accused of favoritism, dishonesty and chicanery by those who disliked his policies or disagreed with his opinions.

He also knew, as those who invited him to this task could not know, that the unending parade of details would gradually sap his energy and render his performance as an editor less effective.

But for assuming these tasks and accepting this burden, your editor expects, and expected, no thanks and no commiseration; he knew what he was undertaking, and he thought then that the sport was worth the candle.

Now your editor begins to doubt. And if the sport is not worth the candle, he has no moral right to deprive his own family of the dubious benefits of his company and his labors. His efforts in chess and for chess can only be justified by some small measure of success.

Yet he remains leath to desert the many readers who have supported his whims, diatribes and sermons so complacently through the long years, not complaining more than could be expected, but often praising far more generously than deserved.

So, your editor has decided to let the reader assist him to a decision. If a sufficient number of these readers still believe that it is his duty to continue in his rather unequal struggle for a national chess publication and a strong national chess organization, he will consider their opinions a mandate to continue until such time as the Federation itself may decide to dispense with his services.

But if, on the other hand, the consensus of opinion indicates the general belief that a new management and new policies are needed for CHESS LIFE, he will accept that verdict grateful and retire into private life. It would be pleasant once again to play a little chess.

However, let there be no mistaking the choice. If your editor does continue in his role, he will also continue in the policies he has hitherto upheld. If other policies are desired, another editor must implement them.

For your editor believes in chess for the whole United States—not in chess conducted for a chosen few. He believes in a Federation governed by its elected officials and directors, working together for the interests of all—not in a dictatorship of one man or group, making secret decisions in a back room for the exclusive benefit of a favored few. He believes in decisions openly arrived at that are not influenced by personal prejudice or politics. Furthermore, he believes that the decisions of the USCF Board of Directors should be implemented and not obstructed by Federation officials. He believes that CHESS LIFE serves the purpose of informing the chess public, not of misleading it, in regard to events in the world of chess. Also, he believes in the infinite possibilities of chess in the USA, if all chess players will work together in harmony for the common cause.

A comment on a postcard from the reader will be sufficient; and it is to be hoped that no one will expect a reply. Contrary to the burden of a once-popular song, your editor has found the nights all too short for all that should be done. Check! It's your move, now.

Montgomery Major

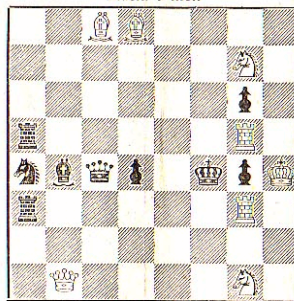
Mate The Subtle Way!

by Vincent L. Eaton

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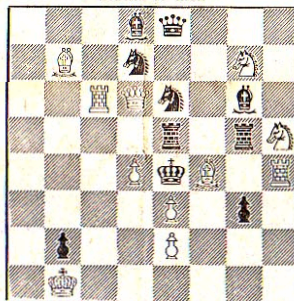
By I. N. Petrovic
The Problemist
July, 1947
Black: 9 men



White: 8 men
2Bb4, 6S1, 6P1, r5R1, sbp1kpk, r6R1, 8, 1Q4S1
White mates in two moves

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First Prize
El Ajedrez Argentino, 1926-27
Black: 10 men

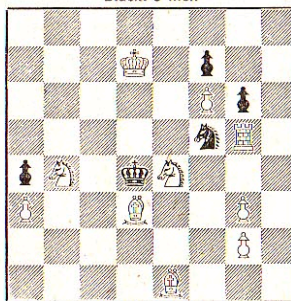


White: 11 men
3bq3, 1B1s2S1, 2Rqsl1, 4r1rS, 3Pkb1R, S7, 8, p1B5, k1B5, 1B5, f1p5, psKs4, S7
White mates in two moves

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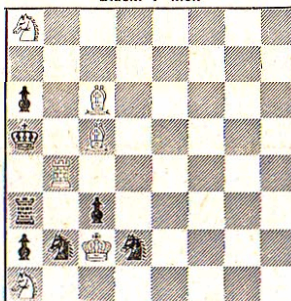
By J. Hartong and Dr. M. Niemeijer
L'Italia Scacchistica
1950
Black: 5 men



White: 10 men
3, 3K1p2, 5Pp1, 5S1, p5Ks3, P2B2P1, 6P1, 4B3
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 334

By J. T. Lightbourn
Hamilton, Bermuda
First Publication
Black: 7 men



White: 6 men
4P1p1, 1p2P3, 1K6
White mates in three moves

The Reader's Road To Chess

By Kester Svendsen

HOW TO THINK AHEAD IN CHESS: THE METHODS AND TECHNIQUES OF PLANNING YOUR ENTIRE GAME. By I. A. Horowitz and Fred Reinfeld. New York: Simon and Schuster. Pp. xii, 269; 17 photos, 212 diags. \$2.95.

THIS is the book for which teachers and average players have long searched. The idea isn't new; George Koltanowski used a similar device in his *Practical Chess* (now out-of-print). But it has never before been developed so systematically and so dramatically. It is not a royal road, of course; but it is the clearest and most forceful training in chess strategy available. It will not make a master of anyone; but mastery of this book will elevate the beginner into respectable chess faster than anything else except personal tutoring by a master.

What is it? It is three openings—the Stonewall Attack, the Dragon variation of the Sicilian, and the Lasker Defense—explained so as to answer these questions: What opening shall I play as White? what defense shall I play against 1. P-K4? what against Queen's Gambit? A fourth section demonstrates how, on the basis of the preceding strategy, one should exploit inferior opening play. The method of instruction is analytical and practical, with every advantage afforded by typography. The chapters on the Stonewall illustrate the pattern of the whole.

Chapter II offers first, in boldface type, a brief introduction pointing up the main features of White's position after the opening. Then comes the actual game, minutely annotated, not as to long-winded alternatives but as to the function of each move and its part in the general plan. There are 21 diagrams to this game; the moves are given in boldface, the comment in roman, and special points in italics; I mention these points because they add up to relatively expensive typography, and the publishers are to be commended for their interest in making the most of the material. A realistic touch is the photographs of positions taken so that one sees the position as board and men before him. General principles are stressed at every chance, and the annotations throughout are designed for the learner, not the master or the advanced player. Even the moves and the pieces are dramatized; e. g., "the powerful Knight at K5 . . . the Bishop's magnificent attacking diagonal." The chapter concludes with a summary of the strategy of this game, again in boldface type. Chapter III gives the normal position for White, with every pawn and piece accounted for, and a

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Chess Life In New York

By Eliot Hearst

JUDGING from the fact that the annual Marshall-Manhattan match pits the two strongest clubs in the nation against each other and from the observation that the respective teams seem fairly even "on paper," one might certainly expect seesaw battles and continuous alternation of the Met League title between the two titans. But such is not the case! Your reporter, despite over seven years of steady membership at the Marshall, has yet to witness a victory by the club of his choice, for, since the great Frank Marshall's death, the Manhattan has won every single time.

This year was no exception. The Manhattan team, supposedly badly weakened by the absence of Reshevsky (playing Najdorf), Bisguier (in Germany with the US Army), and D. Byrne (at Yale pursuing his studies), came through with a 10½-6½ success, although it must be admitted that the Marshallites also suffered a loss in strength, due to the non-participation of Simonson and Fine. The match was extremely hard-fought, however, and in doubt throughout most of the evening until several Marshallites erred badly in time pressure. Before continuing to say something about the individual encounters, it is pertinent to mention the system used for pairing players in Met League contests, for any ordinary chess fan would have trouble finding a rational reason for listing Larry Evans, the US Champion, at 4th board. Just before a Met League match begins, the contestants are divided up into groups of fours—with the top four of each club paired off by lot against the top four of the other, and so on down the line. Such a system prevents the pairing of the same players year after year and thus makes for a more interesting, if not too well-balanced contest.

The best game of the match was without doubt Evans' fine win over Kramer. Just before this encounter, the latter had gone undefeated through 14 rounds of tough Manhattan CC competition in annexing its coveted title and had convincingly outclassed the field there. Here, though, Evans, playing the black side of an unusual variation of the King's Indian, found a most pretty resource in a complicated position and scored a scintillating victory—A contest which chess fans will certainly see published in many places. Don't miss replaying it!

Denker's win over Hearst was also of interest. The former US champion employed a tricky variation in his favorite Nimzo-Indian Defense and emerged from the opening with a manifest advantage which eventually resulted in the win of two pawns. Bishops of opposite colors gave the Marshallites some drawing chances, but a time pressure blunder on his part cost two more pawns and the game (although the bishops were still of opposite color at the finish!).

Kevitz and Seidman both obtained minimal advantages against their respective opponents, Pavey and Horowitz, but were unable to win. The Manhattan strength showed itself, as in the past, on the "middle boards" (from 6th to 14th, for example) where the up-town club scored seven out of a possible nine points.

Thanks are in order to the captains of the two teams, Leonard B. Meyer of the Manhattan CC (replacing the late Sidney Kenton) and Jerry Donovan of the Marshall (he should have played in the match, too!), for bringing together such a representative aggregation of New York chess experts for this traditional struggle. The Manhattanites can justly be proud of their victory, while the Marshallites can but echo their usual warning, "Wait till next year!"

MAKUTENAS WINS AT INDIANAPOLIS

The Indianapolis Open Championship was won by Stasis Makutenas, a Lithuanian DP now a dental technician, with 4-1 score, drawing with H. Peterson and A. Gruen. Second to fifth on S-B points with 3½-1½ each in the 16 player 5 round Swiss were H. O. Peterson, A. Gruen, L. Binder, and B. Hofmann.

H. O. Peterson in second drew with Makutenas, Hofmann and Binder. Aldred Gruen, 1950 Indiana State Champion, drew with Peterson, O. Taylor, and Hofmann. Leopold Binder, a native of Poland but now a resident of Indianapolis, the defending Open Champion, lost a game to Gruen and drew with Peterson. Bert Hofmann drew with J. Dillon, Peterson and Gruen.

TOURNAMENT TIED AT SACRAMENTO

The Sacramento City Championship ended in a tie between M. O. Meyer and R. L. Richards with 5-1 each in the 12 player 5 round Swiss event. Although Meyer topped in S-B points, a match will be played to determine the title. Meyer drew with J. B. Gee and S. G. Johnson; while Richards lost to Meyer. Third place with 4-2 went to USCF Vice-President J. B. Gee with a loss to Richards and draws with Meyer and O. A. Celle.

Fourth and fifth on S. B. points with equal 3½-2½ scores were O. A. Celle and J. A. Celle, while R. E. Russell placed sixth with 3-3.

In the Reserve Tournament, J. H. Hastings placed first with 6-0. Second place in the 11 player 6 round Swiss went to J. Hardy who scored 5-1, losing a game to Hastings. H. W. LaBerge was third with 4-2, losing games to Hastings and Hardy, while W. H. Allen was fourth with 3½-2½.

COLON, GUIMARD TIED AT SAN JUAN

In a small international event at San Juan (Puerto Rico), Carlos Guimard of Argentina and Miguel Colon of Puerto Rico tied for first with 6-1 each. Guimard drew with M. Colon and Paul Reissmann, while M. Colon drew with Guimard and brother Arturo Colon. In third place was the former Polish master Paul Reissmann, now a resident of San Juan, who scored 5½-1½ losing to M. Colon and drawing with Guimard. Arturo Colon placed fourth with 4-3.

WACHS TRIUMPHS AT MERCANTILE

Saul Wachs, U.S. Junior Champion, added the Mercantile Library Chess Ass'n of Philadelphia to his long list of triumphs, scoring 5-0 in the finals. Robert D. Sobel was second with 4-1, while third place went to Vladimir Bomanov with 2½-2½. Master Emeritus William A. Ruth scored 2-3 for fourth place in the 6 player finals.

In the preliminary events, Saul Wachs won Section A with 8-1, losing one game to Robert Sobel who placed second with 7½-1½. Sobel drew with Mrs. Mary D. Selensky. Third place went to Vladimir Bomanov with 7-2, losing to Wachs and Sobel in the 10 player round robin.

In Section B, William A. Ruth scored 9-0 for first place, while E. Raymond Glover was second with 7-2, losing to Ruth and Eugene W. Funston. Third place went to Samuel Sklaroff with 6½-2½, losing to Ruth and Glover and drawing with Stanley Amarnick.

LaFRENIERE TOPS YAKIMA COUNTY

Oliver W. LaFreniere repeated as Yakima County Champion by nosing out William H. Hoge in the 14 player round robin event. LaFreniere scored 10½-1½. Hoge was second with 9½-1½, while John Tauvange was third with 7-4 tied with Robert D. Laird.

WASHINGTON TOPS PHILADELPHIA

In an 82-board match at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Maryland, Washington out-pointed the Philadelphia team by a close 43½-38½ score. As Philadelphia brought more players than Washington, some of these (including some members of the ubiquitous Log Cabin Club) played for Washington so that the final issue was not clear-cut in its decision. While a spectacular event, in numbers it disappointed its sponsors who planned for 100 boards or more, being no larger in fact than any of the many Chicago vs. Milwaukee team matches played in the 1930's.

HAYES REPEATS IN SASKATCHEWAN

Rhea B. Hayes once again won the South Saskatchewan Championship at Regina with 5-0 in a 10 player 5 round Swiss. Jim Eadie of Regina was second with 4-1, losing to Hayes, while L. McK. Robinson and J. Zurovski of Regina and H. Pihrag of Yorkton scored 3-2 each.

HERNANDEZ WINS TAMPA CITY

Once again Nestor Hernandez topped the Tampa City Championship with 12-0 in a player triple round robin event. Karl M. Hedges was second with 6-6, losing three times to Hernandez and once each to B. F. Lopez and B. L. Robertson with whom he also drew. Bennie F. Lopez was third with 5-7.

DINA CONQUERS FT. WORTH OPEN

Louis Dina with 11-1 score triumphed in the Fort Worth Open Championship, losing one game to Edward Tubelis in the 13 player round robin. Second place went to Owen Burnet with 9-3, while Albert Wuelfling placed third with 8½-3½. Robert Powelson and Edward Tubelis shared fourth with 8-4 each.

Burnet lost games to Dina and Tubelis, while drawing with Floyd Sedg and Waldo Waters. Wuelfling lost to Dina, Burnet and Sedg, while drawing with Waters.

C. A. Renton won the Class A event 11-2; D. B. Martin was second with 10-3; and USCF Vice-President Frank R. Graves and C. F. Waldrep tied for third with 8½-4½. In the Class B event, Cecil Parks scored 5-0 for first while Grady Rice was second with 4-1.

WIEGMANN TOPS QUAD-CITY MEET

Karl Wiegmann of Rock Island (Ill.) again won the Quad-City title for the fifth consecutive year, when he downed challenger Lawrence Maher of Moline in three straight games at the Tri-City Chess Club, Davenport, Ia. Maher won the Challengers' Tourney earlier in the year, and was Quad-City Champion prior to 1947.

ICCF INVITES CHESS PLAYERS

The International Correspondence Chess Federation has issued an invitation to all players interested in correspondence chess to try the thrills of international play by entering in one or more of the ICCF international Correspondence events. The scheme of the ICCF 7-player tourneys is that each section contains 7 players of the same class, but no two from the same country. Entry fee for such events is 5 shillings sterling or its equivalent at current rate of exchange. Those interested may contact the Match Secretary; H. Ter Braak, Postbox 5101, Amsterdam Z-1, Holland. Those interested in the ICCF publication "Mail Chess", which is issued in a text of English, French, German and Spanish on a monthly basis, may obtain a free specimen copy by writing Mr. Ter Braak.

USCF President Harold M. Phillips

Issues Invitations for U.S. Team

In arranging for participation of a USCF Team at the International Team Tournament at Helsinki this August, USCF President Harold M. Phillips has issued a general invitation to ranking U. S. players to express their willingness to play in this event. Text of the letter which was sent to a list of top USA players is published below:

THE UNITED STATES CHESS FEDERATION

Office of the President

Harold M. Phillips

258 Broadway, New York 7, N. Y.

May 1, 1952

Dear Mr. _____

The United States Chess Federation hopes to be represented at Helsinki by a team of its strongest players, four regulars and two alternates, according to the plan in vogue in these International Team Tournaments since their inception. The members of our team, naturally, are expected to play without compensation, as an act of patriotic devotion by an American citizen to his country. We realize that their expenses for travel ought to be furnished to them by the Federation. We hope that the time is not far distant when the financial resources of the Federation will enable it to furnish those expenses; but, unfortunately, at the present time the Federation cannot undertake such obligation.

However, in conference with some members of the Tournament Committee, it has been decided to invite the **Grand Master**, the **Senior Masters** and the **Masters** as published in "Chess Life" Issue of March 5th, 1952, to become members of the American Team with the understanding that the Invitees will pay their own expenses for travel, etc.

You are amongst those that are eligible; and, we hope that you will find it feasible to accept this invitation under the conditions as outlined. We understand that maintenance in Finland will be furnished by the Helsinki Committee. We hope to receive your acceptance by letter which must be post-marked not later than May 30th, 1952. Of those that will have sent in written acceptances, the six highest (the four highest as Regulars and the next two as Alternates) will be selected, according to the Rating as published in "Chess Life," Issue of March 5, 1952.

Please address your reply to the President at the above address.

Yours sincerely,

HAROLD M. PHILLIPS,

President, U.S.C.F.

H. HELMS,

Secretary Pro Tem, Tournament Committee

NOTE: The dates for Helsinki International Team Tournament are AUGUST 10-AUGUST 30, 1952.

THE READER'S ROAD TO CHESS

(Continued from page 2, column 2)

review of the salient objectives for White, Chapter IV, "Swooping Down on the Open King Bishop File," follows the plan of Chapter II, again with an actual game, detailed explanation, and a summary of what happened and why. Chapter V shows with still another game, what to do when Black evades the Stonewall by 2.....B-B4 or some such.

Parts Two and Three repeat with the Dragon and the Lasker and nine illustrative games the procedure with the Stonewall. The authors do not attempt to leave the impression that White has a forced win or Black a forced draw. Two of the Lasker's Defense games are drawn, and their comment is significant: "the ease with which Black obtains a draw is in itself a qualitative success. Black's problem is to find a defense which allows him to enter the middle game without disadvantage, and this is the problem which Lasker's Defense solves to perfection." Part Four annotates four games in answer to the question "What if my opponent doesn't follow the book?"

As the authors indicate in their introduction, the book is not advanced as a cure-all or a miracle-worker. But playing these three openings with an understanding of their objectives will improve beyond belief the learner's grasp of strategic principles. The openings, perfectly valid in themselves, were chosen because of the ease with which their basic objectives are grasped: control of K5 in the Stonewall, simplification by Kt-K5 in the Lasker, and pressure by the King Bishop in the Dragon. I have been using the book for the past month or so to teach strategy at the University of Oklahoma student chess club, and its success has been remarkable. And the romantic players need not fear stereotyping or stultifying. Once these openings are mastered, he can branch out, confident that he knows what he is doing and why. Instruction on this level has never been handled so brilliantly as in **How to Think Ahead in Chess**. If ever there was a chessplayer's best seller, this is it.

For The Tournament-Minded

August 1-4

Colorado Open Championship
Denver, Colo.

Open to all; two championships, open and state; \$100.00 cash first prize; entry fee \$6.00; for details, write: Merl W. Reese, tournament director, 1740 Glenarm, Denver 2, Colo.

August 30-September 1

Southwestern Open Championship
Dallas, Texas

Open to all; 7 round Swiss; titles: Southwestern Open, Women's and Junior Champions, also Texas State Champion; cash prizes and trophy; other details later; write for information to: Fred Tears, TCA President, 2849 Fondren Drive, Dallas, Tex.

August 29-September 1

New England Championship
Newburyport, Mass.

Open to all New England residents, including students attending New England schools; begins 7:30 p.m. Friday August 29; 6 round Swiss; First prize \$100.; a rated tournament; held at Newburyport YMCA, 13 Market St.; for details write: O. A. Lester, Jr., 63 High St., Newburyport, Mass.

Stockton (Calif.) Chess Club double round robin championship ended in a victory for L. Woolfe with 28 points. Second was M. Saunders with 20½, while W. LeDoux and P. Hubbard, Sr. scored 20 points each.

Chess Life

Tuesday, May 20, 1952

ALL PLANS MADE FOR TRAN-MISS.

The 29th annual Trans-Mississippi Open Championship at Davenport (Ia.) Chamber of Commerce Bldg., Fourth and Main, on June 7-8 will be the largest in its history according to John Warren of Rock Island, chairman of the tournament committee. Pre-tournament entries and inquiries indicate that from 50 to 60 players will vie for the \$227.00 in cash prizes. First prize is \$90.00, and there will be cash awards for the top seven places, plus merchandise awards.

Franz Neugebauer of Chicago, who is one of two players to have won the event four times (Enos Wicher of Moline is the other) is expected to play, as is Dr. Giles A. Koelsche of Rochester, defending titlist and Minnesota State Champion. Among other expected entries are Illinois Champion Kimball Nedved, former U. S. Open Champion Albert Sandrin, Povilas Tautvaisas, Alfred Ludwig, Robert Steinmeyer, and C. M. Burton.

An added attraction will be the prize-winning "chess" stamp collection of Mrs. Pauline Nearing of Decatur, which will be on display—some sixty pages of unique artwork with interesting stamps, cards and cancellations about chess. Mr. Turner Nearing will direct the tournament.

For The Tournament-Minded

May 30-June 1

North Texas Open Championship
Fort Worth, Tex.

Open event; 7 round Swiss; sponsored by Ft. Worth Chess Club; for details contact: Frank R. Graves, 960 East Mulkey or A. G. Miller, 3725 Westcliff Road, Fort Worth, Tex.

June 7-8

28th Trans-Mississippi
Championship
Davenport, Iowa

Open to all; conducted by Tri-City Chess Club at Davenport Chamber of Commerce; 6 round Swiss; entry fee \$5.00; \$90.00 first prize; \$227.00 cash prizes plus merchandise and special awards; entries close at 12:15 p.m. CST, Saturday; play ends 8:00 p.m. Sunday; bring clocks if available; for details, write: John Warren, 1336 15th St., Rock Island, Ill.

June 13-15

North Carolina Open Championship
Wilmington, N.C.

Open to all, out-of-state players invited; at Community Center; begins 7:00 p.m. Friday June 13; 6 round Swiss; prizes; membership in NCCA required; a rated tournament; for details, write: Mr. Harris, Director, Department of Recreation, Wilmington, N.C.

July 3-6

Southern Chess Ass'n
Championship
Meridian, Miss.

Open event; Swiss tourney; prizes; at Great Southern Hotel under auspices of Meridian Chess Club; details later.

July 4-6

Dallas Invitation Tournament
Dallas, Texas

Players rated Class A or higher are invited to participate; 6 round Swiss; entries accepted to 1:00 p.m. Friday July 4; entry fee \$5.00 minimum with final fee and disposition of prize money subject to majority vote of players; play at Skyline Lounge of YMCA, 605 No. Ervay St.; rating qualification based on USCF National Rating List; for details contact: Fred Tears, 2849 Fondren Drive, Dallas, Tex.

Mechanics Institute (San Francisco) saw Svetozar Gligoric score 24 wins 9 draws and 4 losses in a simultaneous exhibition against the best Bay Area talent.

SAVE THESE DATES—JULY 14-25
U. S. OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP AT TAMPA

METROPOLITAN CHESS LEAGUE

New York, 1952		
Manhattan Chess Club	Marshall Chess Club	
1. A. S. Denker 1	E. Hearst 0	
2. I. Horowitz 3	H. Seidman 0	
3. M. Pavay 3	A. Kevitz 0	
4. A. Kramer 3	M. H. H. 0	
5. W. Shipman 3	M. Hanauer 0	
6. R. Byrne 3	E. Lasker 0	
7. J. Moskowitz 1	J. Collins 0	
8. S. Shashin 3	A. Santasiere 0	
9. S. Bernstein 3	A. Mengarini 0	
10. J. Platz 3	B. Hill 0	
11. A. Turner 3	F. Howard 0	
12. A. S. Pinkus 0	M. Green 0	
13. Williams 3	D. Pollard 0	
14. K. Foster 3	T. Dunst 0	
15. E. Schwartz 3	C. Pilnick 0	
16. H. Sussman 3	L. Levy 0	
17. J. Soudakoff 0	H. Fajans 0	
Manhattan 103	Marshall 63	

HOLLYWOOD INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT

Los Angeles, 1952		
1. S. Gligoric 7-13	6. J. Cross 4-5	
2. A. Pomer 7-13	7. I. Kashdan 4-5	
3. H. Steiner 6-3	8. W. Palfutief 3-6	
4. A. Dake 5-4	9. R. Martin 2-3	
5. L. Joyner 5-4	10. Mrs. Graf-Stevenson 1-3	

WASHINGTON VS. PHILADELPHIA TEAM MATCH

Aberdeen Proving Grounds, 1952		
Washington	Philadelphia	
I. Afros 0	S. Amarnick 1	
J. M. Arbuckle 1	Miller 0	
H. Arnold 1	Hall 0	
R. McCaskey 1	S. Wachs 0	
C. A. Baer 1	Worrall 0	
Bailey 1	Clarkson 0	
N. Bakos 1	H. Bolden 0	
Berggren 1	Bauer 0	
E. Boschman 1	Decker 0	
A. Brown 1	Friedlund 0	
J. Callaway 1	Wright 0	
A. Carlson 0	W. Arkless 1	
R. Chauvenet 1	W. Morris 0	
N. Coleburn 1	R. Winkelman 0	
R. B. Dawson 1	R. Keder 0	
E. S. Dillon 1	T. Tait 0	
M. Du Bois 1	Bolden 0	
V. L. Eaton 1	Fry 0	
H. Esteves 1	S. T. Sharp 0	
J. Galvins 1	P. Driver 0	
J. T. Gant 1	Chamberlain 0	
B. Garfunkel 1	V. DeMartino 0	
F. B. Gleason 1	F. Arnold 0	
J. Haefer 1	E. Huth 0	
R. Houghton 1	Kar 0	
H. Holladay 1	D. Rosenblum 0	
T. R. Hollcroft 1	J. Cotter 0	
P. Howard 1	R. D. Sobel 0	
J. H. Johnson 1	M. J. Turner 0	
A. M. Jenkins 1	Gonzales 0	
E. M. Knapp 1	G. Marcus 0	
L. Korstorn 1	Heinle 0	
K. Kucherov 1	E. N. Spector 0	
E. H. Laird 1	Mordell 0	
E. F. Laucks 1	Madsen 0	
J. Lee 1	E. Drauglis 0	
R. Lewis 1	W. Kappel 0	
A. Loeb 1	Tulloss 0	
A. Lytle 1	R. Hunsberger 0	
L. Lynne 1	E. Vilgats 0	
R. McComas 1	M. Faust 0	
M. Mansfield 1	Mrs. M. Scelsky 0	
C. D. Mott 1	E. T. McCormick 0	
D. H. Mugridge 1	E. Junker 0	
S. Naidel 1	Hart 0	
E. Nash 1	H. Hickman 0	
W. J. Nucker 1	K. Tullis 0	
G. O'Rourke 1	C. Sachs 0	
W. Plampan 1	L. Divac 0	
P. Podak 1	J. Ashler 0	
A. Prokopovitch 1	F. Thas 0	
L. N. Reynolds 1	W. Akers 0	
R. R. Rice 1	A. Gold 0	
N. Robins 1	D. Schrader 0	
Z. R. Rod 1	L. Rosenfeld 0	
E. Sadowski 1	S. Sklaroff 0	
V. Saport 1	Giulio 0	
Miss M. Sewall 1	R. Rockel 0	
O. Shapiro 1	T. C. Gunkunst 0	
M. Schultz 1	E. Glover 0	
C. Simpson 1	J. Shaffer 0	
M. C. Stark 1	Kuhn 0	
D. F. Stetzer 1	Bomanov 0	
D. Stokas 1	Raich 0	
Mrs. J. Stokes 1	Clark 0	
M. Sevell 1	L. E. Wood 0	
G. E. Taylor 1	Cappel 0	
J. Tilles 1	A. Brown 0	
M. Tills 1	Simsak 0	
K. Veley 1	Korr 0	
G. Vidlak 1	E. Meves 0	
J. Wall 1	B. Leves 0	
R. Wallace 1	J. McCartney 0	
D. M. Schaeffer 1	W. Smith 0	
M. H. Wiener 1	D. Wiener 0	
J. C. Williams 1	Sherman 0	
S. Yarnak 1	I. Ash 0	
Zuckerman 1	P. Sherr 0	
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CENTRAL CALIFORNIA LEAGUE

Final Standings, 1952		
Matches	Games	
1. San Jose Chess Club 4-11	381-173	
2. Sacramento Chess Club 4-11	381-173	
3. Fresno Chess Club 3-12	281-183	
4. Stockton Chess Club 3-13	20-36	
5. Modesto Chess Club 2-14	24-26	
6. Oakdale Chess Club 0-6	101-411	

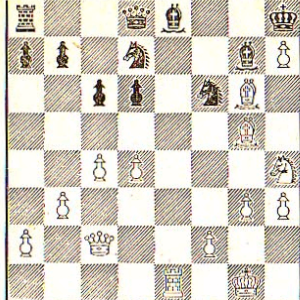
7. Oakdale Chess Club .....0 4			102-115
1. A. B. Ellis (Nampa)			
2. Jerry E. Stanke (Nampa)			
3. John A. English (Caldwell)			
4. Merle Gould (Nampa)			
5. Cliff Jerome (Nampa)			
6. Clinton Talbot (Nampa)			
7. Kirk Rush (Nampa)			
8. Roy S. Parker (Nampa)			
9. Marion D. Parsons (Nampa)			
10. Victor Waterman (Nampa)			
11. Ralph Batie (Caldwell)			
12. Ray Wayman (Nampa)			
13. Bill Cleveland (Nampa)			
With drawn without completing se			

KING'S INDIAN DEFENSE
Fourth Match Game
New York, 1952

Notes by J. E. Howarth

White Black
1. P-K4 K-K3 2. P-K3 P-K4
3. P-Q3 P-K3 4. P-Q3 P-K3
5. K-B3 P-Q3 6. P-Q3 P-K3
Botvinnik, against Bronstein at Moscow 1945, continued with 9. P-Q5 and there followed 9. P-Q5, 10. B-P3, K-B4; 11. Q-B2, P-Q4; 12. K-Q2, P-K3; 13. K-K3, B-Q3; 14. R-Q1, Kt-B4; 15. P-Q4, R-B1; 16. B-R3, R-B2 with equalities. A good alternative here is 9. P-K3 and after 9. P-K3, 10. Kt-P4, R-K1; 11. B-K2, Kt-B4; 12. Q-B2, P-Q4; 13. Q-R1 and if now 13. P-Q5, K-Q3; 14. P-Q3 with White slightly better.
9. A stronger move was 9. P-P. In fact after the break in the center with 9. P-P, it will be hard for White to obtain any tangible advantage. After the text, however, White's better development will steadily increase while Black's, on the other hand, will soon be in such a complex state that he will need more than the allotted time to figure a "way-out."
10. B-K3 K-Q2
Najdorf's plan is to attack the center of the board, which, while always good strategy, may here suffer due to his lack of development on the Q-side. Here 10. Kt-K3, leaving the center as it is, may allow Black to get his resources in line.
11. R-K1 K-R1
Preparatory to the advance of the KBP. For if here 11. P-Q5, P-KB4, then 12. P-BP, P-K5, Kt-K5.
12. Q-K2 K-Q1
The idea is to protect the Kt on R4. But this seems like a waste of time. Since Black's weaknesses are concerned with mobility, why not 12. P-P?
13. Q-R1 P-KB4 14. P-BP P-K5
This looks very promising, for on 15. Kt-KK5, P-P puts a bit of "life" in Black's development. However, realizing that Black will find it hard to guard all his weak points, particularly on the K-side, White springs a surprise.
15. Kt-P4 K-Q1 17. P-P Kt-B3
16. Kt-R4 K-Q1
If 17. P-P, then 18. Q-B2 and White is poised for attack in all directions.
18. Q-B2 Q-Q1 19. B-B4
The attack is taking shape. Every move in a situation such as this should mean something: White makes preparations for a "breakthrough" on the K-side.
20. P-K4 K-Q1 21. B-K5 B-Q2
22. P-K4 R-R1
If 21. R-R1, R-R1, and Black cannot play 22. R-R1, because of 23. Kt-K6 ch followed by Kt-K7 ch.
23. P-K4 R-R1 24. B-K4 Q-K1-Q2
25. R-K4 B-K1 25. B-K6

After 25. B-K6



RESHEVSKY

From the diagrammed position we see that White has directed his attack against Black's weakest point. And since Black can offer the least resistance from this side, White has a target.
25. B-B7
Is this reduction necessary? White's plan of invasion seems to call for the posting of his Kt where its performance will first weaken and then ruin Black's defenses. Perhaps the game is not to be saved anyway; but 25. Q-R4, threatening both Q-R4 ch or Q-B4, may allow Black to offer a more tenacious defense. After the text, Black's game is so untenable that probably preferable was 25. Q-R4.
26. Kt-Bch K-R1 28. R-K4 B-R3
If Black takes the R, he loses his Q.
29. R-R4 Q-K1 31. Q-K6 ch Q-K2
30. R-Bch K-K1 32. BxKt Resigns
With a plus of three Ps against him, he "picks" the best move.

Solutions: Mate the Subtle Way!
No. 323 (Grossi): 1. K-K7. An example of the "Fleck" theme, in which the key move sets up a multiple threat, but each of Black's replies eliminate all but one.
No. 324 (Fink): 1. B-K5. A beautiful quartet of interferences by the half-pinned Black Knights after 1. Kt-B3, Kt-B5, Kt-K3, and Kt-K5.
No. 325 (Chico): 1. P-K17. "A delightful piece of work, with a number of spectacular and beautiful plays. The threat of 2. P-K17 is deadly enough for the most calloused player." Earl Weatherford.
No. 326 (De Jong): 1. K-K7, waiting. K-R7; 2. Q-B7 ch. If 1. R-R3; 2. Q-K16! If 1. R-R1; 2. Q-K18! If 1. R-R1; 2. Q-K18! If 1. R-R1; 2. Q-K18!

SOLVERS' LADDER
(Two points for two-movers; four points for three-movers. Extra points for correct claims of "cooks," i.e., valid solutions not intended by the composers. This tally covers solutions for problems in the April 20 issue received up to time we went to press, on May 10. Solutions subsequently received will be credited on the next Ladder.)

R. O'Neill	262 Y. V. Oganessov	146 L. M. Brown	78 B. M. Marshall	32
N. Yoe	244 G. Smith	138 G. M. Banker	71 L. Lichtenstein	26
Dr. E. Kassner	242 J. Kaufman	134 D. W. Aron, Jr.	69 N. Yarnack	20
R. Michell	242 R. M. Collins	122 Dr. J. M. Erman	62 W. H. James	16
E. Onyschuk	242 James Bolton	116 C. B. Collins	54 Rev. G. Chidley	10
M. A. Michaels	234 E. Weatherford	112 Irving Bizarr	46 A. E. Kozak	10
J. E. Lucens	226 E. Narvay	110 J. R. Grakave	42 A. Scher	10
H. K. Tonak	218 Kenneth Lader	90 J. L. Dunphy, Jr.	40 J. L. Skeris	10
J. H. Francker	174 C. J. Kock	88 F. A. Hollway	36 Dr. O. Blankenship	10
P. H. Hunsicker	148 E. J. Korpany	80 V. Kontoski	32 Dr. A. Hedgcock	2

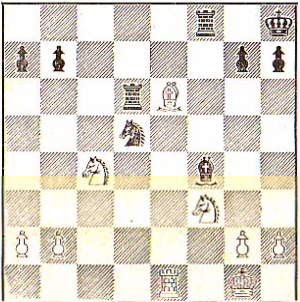
A hearty welcome to new solvers Edward Scher, R. A. Hedgcock, and Alexander Kozak, who begin their climb on the Ladder with this issue.

CUNNINGHAM GAMBIT
Luebbert Invitation Tourney
Correspondence, 1951-52

Notes by Dr. M. G. Sturm

White Black
DR. M. G. STURM S. BRASK
1. P-K4 P-K4 4. B-B4 Kt-KB3
2. P-KB4 P-P 5. P-K4 Kt-K5
3. Kt-KB3 B-K2 6. O-O Kt-B3
The latest defense, and the best, stronger than 6. P-Q3(4), when White simply captures the QP with his KP, and mounts a powerful attack, aided by the exposure of Black's Q (Keres), e.g. Sturm-Mathot, Correspondence, 1949, 6. P-Q3; 7. P-P, QxP; 8. P-Q4, O-O; 9. Kt-QB3, P-B3; 10. Kt-K4, Q-K3; 11. P-KK1, Kt-K6; 12. BxKt, PxB; 13. Kt-K5, B-K3; 14. Q-K2, P-KB4; 15. Kt-B5! with a winning attack.
7. P-Q4 P-Q4 9. R-K1 ch
8. P-P ch B-P
In the 1950 Russian Championship, against Alatorstev, Keres played 9. Kt-B3 and lost in 18 moves.
9. Kt-K2 11. QxP! BxB
10. Q-K2 12. QxKt QxQ
Black need not exchange Qs, but he is better to do so. Otherwise there are possible the most astonishing complications, most difficult for the second player, as for instance 12. BxP ch; 13. K-R1 (not Kt-B7, QxP ch), Q-Q3; 14. QxP ch, R-Q; 15. R-K8 ch, Q-B1; 16. BxR ch, KxB; 17. R-Q ch, KxR; 19. Kt-B7 ch, R-K1; 20. BxR with equality.
13. R-Q Kt-K6 14. B-K3! ch
Safer, but less in the Gambit spirit, is 14. Kt-R3, Kt-B3; 15. Kt-K5, B-K3; 16. Kt-K4-K5.
15. R-B3! P-R 17. Kt-R3 P-B3
16. BxP ch K-R1 18. P-B4
Threat P-Q5.
19. R-K1 Q-R1 21. P-P Kt-QP
20. P-Q5! P-P
Regaining the Exchange in any variation, e.g. 22. Kt-R3(4); 23. Kt-K4-K5!
22. Kt-K6!!

After 22. Kt-K6!!



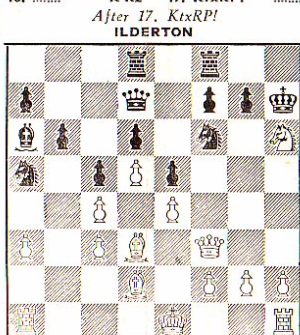
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Extraordinary! For a "Queenless" game, this one is packed with plenty dynamite.
23. Kt-R Kt-K6 24. R-QB1!
Not 24. R-K7, B-B4; 25. K-B2, R-K1; 26. Kt-K5, BxKt ch; 27. KxB, P-KR3; 28. Kt-B7 ch, K-R2 wins.
24. P-KK5 26. BxR P-K13
25. R-B8 R-R
At this point the game was drawn by mutual agreement, at White's suggestion, but according to the rules of this tournament, there can be no draw prior to 42 moves, so:
27. Kt-K5 B-K2 30. K-B1 Kt-B6
28. Kt-K6 Kt-B3 31. Kt-Q4 B-Q3?
29. P-QK13 B-R6
Here Black misses a chance to justify the extension. 31. P-QR4! would have set White a pretty problem in preserving the balance. If 31. P-QR4, Kt-P3; 32. Kt-K15.
32. P-QR4 BxP 33. Kt-K15! Kt-K5
Or 33. Kt-K15; 34. P-Kt Draw.
34. Kt-P Kt-Q7 ch 40. B-B6 Kt-K7ch
35. K-B2 Kt-P4 41. K-B2 Kt-Q5
36. Kt-K3 Kt-B4 42. B-Q7 Kt-K2
37. Kt-K5 Kt-P4 43. Kt-K5 Kt-P4
38. KxB Kt-P4 44. BxKt
39. B-Q7 Kt-B6
A dead cold classical draw, B vs. three Ps, not united. If the Ps were united, Black should win. White's task is easier in this case, as none of the Ps are far from their base. In this position, if White had Kt instead of B, he would lose. My opponent was somewhat skeptical, not caring to believe the books, and who could blame him for that!
44. K-K3 K-K4 46. B-K8
45. K-K3 K-K4
Black now convinced, in turn suggests

NIMZOINDIAN DEFENSE
Manhattan Chess Club Championship, New York, 1952

Notes by Dr. J. Platz

White Black
DR. H. SUSSMAN R. ILBERTON
1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3 6. PxB O-O
2. P-QB4 P-K3 7. B-Q3 Kt-B3
3. Kt-QB3 B-K15 8. Kt-K2 P-Q3
4. P-K3 P-B4 9. P-K4 P-K4
5. P-QR3 BxKtch
There was no hurry to make this move which locks the center in White's favor. Indicated, to keep the P position fluid was 9. Kt-K1 as Reshevsky played against Botvinnik, World Championship Tournament, 1948.
10. P-Q5 Kt-QR4
Black is going to attack White's weakness, the doubled P. In the meantime White builds up a K-side attack.
11. B-K15 P-KR3
Black wants to get rid of the pin, but the KR-P is a target.
12. B-Q2 P-QK13 15. Kt-B5 QR-Q1
13. Kt-K3 B-R3 16. B-Q3!
14. K-Q2 K-R2
Threatens Kt-RP ch.
16. K-R2 17. Kt-RP!
After 17. Kt-RP!
ILBERTON



SUSSMAN

17. Kt-K16 18. Kt-B5! Kt-R
As the White QB takes part in the K-side attack, 18. Kt-B5 appears more logical.
19. Kt-K13 Kt-K1
If instead 19. Kt-R4, then 20. Q-K15, P-K13; 21. Kt-K7! Kt-B5; 22. BxKt, PxB; 23. P-K5, R-KK1; 24. P-Q6, Q-K1; 25. Kt-R, Kt-R4; 26. O-O! at long last! and wins.
20. Q-R4 ch K-K1
If instead 20. Kt-K13, the same move will follow as in the text.
21. Kt-K7 ch Q-K13 24. QxKtP BxP
22. Q-K1 Kt-B3 25. BxKt!
23. QxRP R-R1
Both sides play very daring chess.
25. QxRP QR-K1 27. Q-K7! R-Kt8ch
26. QxRP KtXP 28. K-K2 R-R
Black has no choice, 28. Kt-B3 is insufficient; 29. BxKt (but not 29. R-Q1, Kt-P4 ch; 30. K-K1, Kt-B7 ch; 31. K-B1, Kt-R3; 32. P-Q6, R-Kt8; 33. BxP ch, RxB; 34. Q-K8 ch, R-B1; 35. P-Q7, Kt-B8 ch and mate next move), Kt-B3; 30. R-R2, Kt-Bch; 31. RxB, Kt-R3; 32. P-Q6 and wins.
29. P-Q6 R-QK18 31. BxP ch! RxB
30. P-Q7 R-QK18 32. P-Q8(Q) ch
A game of rare beauty, refreshing and delightful.

NIMZOINDIAN DEFENSE
Capablanca Memorial Tournament
Havana, 1952

Notes by John E. Howarth

White Black
L. EVANS L. PRINS
1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3 3. Kt-QB3 B-K15
2. P-QB4 P-K3 4. P-K3
Of the playable alternatives, either 3 or 4. Q-B2 is probably best, many of the masters prefer 4. Q-B2 because it prevents the doubling of White's QP on the B file and keeps the square K4 under guard.
4. P-QK13
Since White has not played 4. Q-B2 or 4. P-QR3 (Saemisch Variation) and has gained a "slight-tempo-advantage," Black is well advised to continue here with 4. P-Q4; 5. B-Q3, O-O; 6. R5 7. BxP with even chances. Also good here is 4. O-O; 5. B-Q3 or 5. Kt-K2, P-Q4; 6. P-QR3, B-K2; 7. P-P, Kt-P4; 8. Kt-K13, P-K3; 9. P-KK3, Kt-Q2, etc., as in the game Reshevsky-Botvinnik, AVRO, 1938, P-Q4 etc., with even chances.
5. B-Q2, B-K12; 6. Kt-B3, O-O; 7. B-Q3, P-Q4, etc. Or 5. B-Q3, B-K12; 6. Kt-B3 (not 6. Kt-K22, BxP; 7. R-KK1, B-K5; 8. BxB, Kt-B4 and after 9. R-P, Kt-P4 with advantage), O-O; 7. O-O, Kt-B3; 8. PxB and now 8. P-K15 and if 9. BxB, Kt-B3 with equality.
5. B-R3
One of Black's best counter-ideas in this defense is to prepare P-Q4 and to challenge the set-up in B3, B5 with this advance. Hence perhaps best

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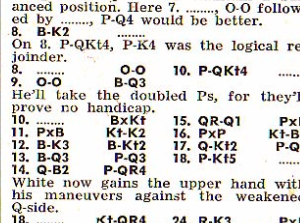
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here would be 5. P-Q3, B-K2; 6. P-QR3, B-K2 and if now 7. Kt-B3, then either 7. P-Q3, O-O, or 7. P-K4. Or if 7. P-Q3, then 7. P-Q3, O-O; 8. Kt-K13, P-Q3; 9. B-K2, P-B3! as in the Botvinnik-Ragozin game, 1934. Since the text move neither fortifies his position nor furthers the opportunity for an attack against the White K-side, it seems comparatively weaker than 5. P-Q3, B-K2 or 5. P-Q3, O-O.
6. P-QR3 B-K2 7. Kt-B4 Kt-B3
Black does not seem to be doing everything in his power to maintain a balanced position. Here 7. P-Q3, O-O followed by P-Q4 would be better.
8. B-K2
On 8. P-QK4, P-K4 was the logical rejoinder.
9. O-O B-Q3
He'll take the doubled Ps, for they'll prove no handicap.
10. BxKt 15. QR-Q1 PxP
11. PxB Kt-K2 16. PxB Kt-B3
12. B-K3 B-K12 17. Q-K12 P-Q4
13. B-Q3 P-Q3 18. P-K15
14. Q-B2 P-QR4
White now gains the upper hand with his maneuvers against the weakened side.
18. Kt-QR4 24. R-K3 PxB
19. P-B5 PxB 25. Kt-K13 Kt-QB3
20. PxB Q-K11 26. B-B3 B-R3
21. B-Q4 P-B3 27. Q-B2 P-K13
22. Kt-K1 Kt-K1
Feeling that he has the initiative, and rightly so, White decides to exchange pieces so that he can increase his advantage.
28. Kt-K1 Kt-K1 30. QxB R-R5
29. BxKt BxB 31. P-K13
Just a little protection for the K.
31. Kt-B2
The Kt is just about isolated!
32. B-K5 Kt-K1
After 32. Kt-K1
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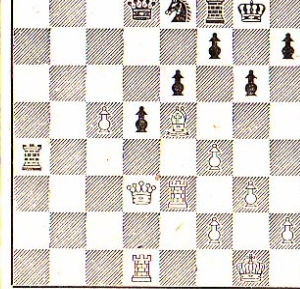
After 23. P-Q3, Kt-K14
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24. B-K4 Kt-B5 25. Kt-Q7! Kt-K4
Against the expected 25. R-K1; 26. BxR, Kt-R3; 27. QxR ch, RxB; 28. Kt-B6, P-Kt3; 29. Q-K4 ch and 30. R-B8; 27. QxR, QxB; 28. Q-K4, Kt-K7 ch; 29. K-B1.
26. The point! The Q must leave the file. Black is now helpless. The rest is simple.
26. Kt-B5 Kt-R6ch 31. PxQ Kt-K13
27. Kt-B5 Q-B5 32. BxKt Kt-PB
28. PxB QR-Q1 33. R-Rch RxB
29. R-Q5 KR-K1 34. Kt-B5 P-R4
30. Q-K14 QxQ 35. Kt-K17 Resigns

After 32. Kt-K1
PRINS



EVANS

From the diagrammed position we see that White has a distinct advantage. With the "Chess knowledge" Evans is known to possess the work of bringing home the point won't require too much effort.
33. P-B6 P-B3 36. Q-K13 KR-R2
34. B-K12 Q-B1 37. R-K13 R5-R4
35. R-QB1 R-B7 38. Q-K7! Q-B2
38. Kt-RxQ, 39. PxB and wins.
40. Rxx R-R1 41. P-B7 Resigns
A very convincing and well played game by Evans.

RUY LOPEZ
Marshall Chess vs. N. Y. Academy
New York, 1952

Notes by F. S. Howard

White Black
F. S. HOWARD DEERING
(Marshall) (N. Y. Academy)
1. P-K4 P-K4 6. R-K1 P-QK14
2. Kt-KB3 Kt-QB3 7. B-K13 P-Q3
3. B-K15 P-QR3 8. P-B3 Kt-QR4
4. B-R4 Kt-B3 9. B-B2 P-B4
5. O-O B-K2 10. P-Q3
A quiet (?) line.
10. Kt-Q2 Q-B2 13. Kt-K13 B-K3
12. Kt-B1 Kt-B3 15. P-Q4!
White cannot tell whether this is good or not. But he does see Black's weaknesses on both the K and Q files as well as KR7.
15. BxP BxP 17. Kt-Q3 PxB PxB
Better is 17. P-Q3, Kt-P4; 18. Kt-Kt ch, BxKt; 19. Kt-Kt, P-Kt; 20. R-QB1 with a hard game.
18. B-K15!
White threatens Kt-Kt and Q-Q3 ch.
18. Kt-Q4 19. R-QB1
Note: all Black weaknesses show up, i.e. 19. BxP; 20. Kt-Q3.
19. Q-Q2 Q-Q2 22. Kt-B3 Kt-Kt
20. BxB Kt-Q3 23. Kt-B5!
21. Kt-P4 B-B4
The only winning move. Against other moves, Kt-Q5 or Q-K15 is strong.
23. Kt-R5!
Against 23. Kt-R5, Kt-K4 White has a big positional advantage. This attack almost works.

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Fresno (Calif.) Club Championship ended in a victory for Winston Strong with 9½-1½. Phillip Smith and Michael Halpain tied for second with 9-2, while Tom Fries was fourth with 7-4 in the 12 player round robin.

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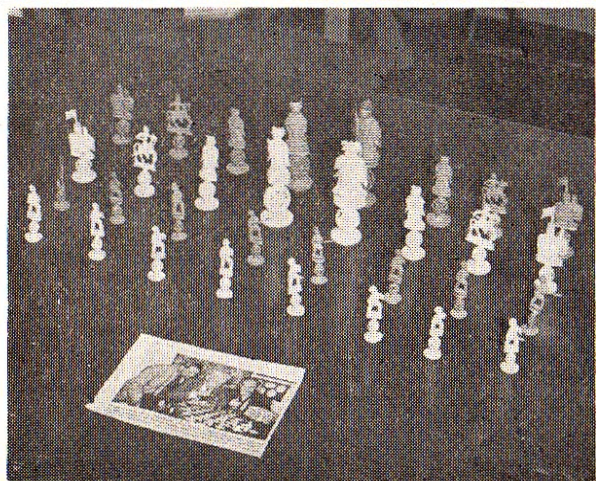


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ALL ROADS LEAD TO TAMPA



ODD AND VALUABLE CHESS SET

When Vincent Southwick of Amarillo bought the set in England (where they were brought by a retired British Naval Surgeon from Hanhow, about 1700), he had no idea that it might be valuable. A similar set has recently been valued at \$5,000.00.

—Photo: Courtesy Amarillo Times



U. S. WOMEN'S CHAMPION AT SALT LAKE CITY

Here Mrs. Mary Bain in her simultaneous exhibition in the Desert News Auditorium faces five of the "Small Fry Chess League" players in (left to right) Nick Lundstrom, Mark Lundstrom, Marcellus Snow, Barry Snow, and Raymond Thompson.

—Photo: Boyd B. Bullough

BORSODI WINS AT NEW ORLEANS

Victory in the New Orleans Championship went to Ed Borsodi with 16-2, while Pelton finished second with 15½-2½ and Cooper-Smith third with 14½-3½. McAuley was elected president of the New Orleans Chess Club with Murrhee vice-president, Willis secretary and Walsdorf treasurer. Plans are already being laid for the Louisiana State Tournament which will be held in New Orleans August 30-September 1.

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AMARILLOAN OWN VALUABLE SET

Vincent J. Southwick, field representative of the Bureau of Apprenticeship, U.S. Department of Labor, at Amarillo, Texas was surprised and gratified to discover that a carved chess set bought as a curiosity in England might turn out to be very valuable. A recent article in the Sunday New York News rotogravure section told of a similar set which was valued at \$5,000.00 and owned by George Franklyn Willey. The set owned by Willey appears identical to Southwick's.

Southwick bought the set in England while stationed there on Naval Service from the surviving grand-son of the English Naval Surgeon who bought the set originally in Hankow in 1700.

The chessmen are intricately hand-carved figures in Chinese style set upon bases which are spheres. These bases can be unscrewed and are lacking in the set owned by lecturer Willey. The pieces are red and white.

U. S. OPEN BECKONS PLAYERS TO VACATIONLAND AT TAMPA

Chess and Fun Is Eternal Theme Of All U. S. Open Tournaments

So well known are the charms of Tampa as a city of relaxation and fun for the vacationist, that there is no need to dwell upon the attractions of swimming, deepsea fishing, and all the other sports so well advertised about this famous city of Florida.

But it was with these side-attractions in mind that the U. S. Chess Federation accepted the bid of Tampa and the Florida Chess League and made Tampa the site of the annual U. S. Open Championship. Here was a vacation spot for the chess widow to enjoy while hubby played his chess—a place for the whole family together.

For the chess-player himself, the Open Championship promises to be one of the most interesting ever held by the Federation. More than usual effort has been expended to gain the presence of players from Latin America to make a colorful and varied event. It is anticipated that our Latin neighbors will contribute more contestants to this event than came even to the Corpus Christi Open which had representatives from several Latin American lands. It is even anticipated that several players from Spain will participate. Even at this early date it is known that Dr. Juan Gonzales, champion of Cuba, and Rafael Cintron of Puerto Rico will be among those playing. Other Cuban and Puerto Rican players are also expected.

Women Not Neglected

Nor are the women chess players neglected in these plans, for a full scale Women's Open is also being planned. It is hoped that U. S. Women's Champion Mary Bain, who was for many years a resident of Florida, will compete in this and that many other women chess players will make it the biggest Women's Open in the history of the tournament.

TURNER TAKES LAKE CO. EVENT

Philip Turner of Emerson High won the annual Lake County (Ind.) Interscholastic Championship sponsored by the Gary Chess Club. Turner scored 4½-½, drawing with Robert Spence (Emerson) in the 8 player 5 round Swiss. Second place with 3½-1½ went to Don Miller (Horace Mann) who lost to Turner and drew with Richard Floyd (Hammond). Third and fourth with equal 3-2 scores on S-B points were Alex Raluckyj (Hammond) and Gus Sacopolus (Emerson).

JUREVICS TOPS DALLAS OPEN

Gustav Jurevics, a rather recent arrival from Europe, showed his old-world skill in winning the Dallas Open Championship 7½-1½, drawing with F. H. McKee and conceding one loss to last year's champion, R. B. Potter. C. Frederick Tears was runner-up with 6½-2½, losing games to Jurevics and W. T. Strange while drawing with J. W. Stapp. Third and fourth on S-B points with equal 6-3 scores were R. B. Potter and J. W. Stapp. Potter lost games to Tears, F. H. McKee and Russell Smith; Stapp was defeated by Jurevics, Potter and drew with Tears and McKee in the 10-player round robin event.

RESHEVSKY WINS MATCH 11-7

By drawing the 17th game and winning the 18th and final game Najdorf bettered his score but lost the match 11-7 in the final games at San Salvador.

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U OF WASH TOPS PUGET LEAGUE

The University of Washington surged forward to triumph in the Puget Sound League by 5 game points, winning 60½-19½ with 7-1 matches. Second was Seattle Chess Club with 55½-22½ and 7-1, while Tacoma YMCA Chess Club placed third with 6-2 and 45-35. Victorious Washington lost early in the season to Tacoma, but thereafter was unbeatable. The victory deprived Seattle Chess Club of the chance of gaining permanent possession of the Puget Sound Trophy, which must be won three times. Seattle has won it twice.

NEW IDEA SPARKS DALLAS TOURNEY

The Dallas Chess Club has inaugurated a novel idea in its Dallas Invitational Tournament, which is invitational only in the sense that the entry list is restricted to "A" Class players or better. The average Swiss event has the disadvantage frequently in the fact that the inclusion of players of all classes tends to lower the average rating of the event, so that the winners frequently are handicapped in acquiring top performance ratings. It is the idea of the Dallas Club that a tournament restricted to "A" Class or better players will permit the winners to gain performance ratings on a par with those gained by players of equal strength who have benefited, particularly in California and New York, from the opportunity of competing in strong round-robins events.

According to Fred C. Tears of the Dallas Club, all players are invited to the Dallas Invitational Tourney whose published USCF Rating in the last rating list is Class A or better. Players who are not members of the Federation and have desire to enter the Dallas event may this one time check with the Editor of CHESS LIFE to discover if their unpublished ratings qualify them for the event. The idea of the Dallas Club on holding an "A Class" event based on USCF ratings is one that may well spread elsewhere.

BERSBACH WINS INDIANA STATE

Scoring 5-0 in a 38 player 5 round Swiss Emil Bersbach, formerly of California, won the Indiana State title at Logansport. Second to fifth on S-B points with equal 4-1 scores were Boyd Collins, George O. Dunkel, George Martinson, and Alfred D. Gruen. Collins lost to Bersbach; Dunkel drew with Glen C. Donley and Roger Oren; Martinson lost to Wallace Kosiba; and Gruen lost to Bersbach. Floyd Bolton directed the tournament.

At the annual meeting Glen C. Donley of Logansport was elected president of the Indiana Chess Ass'n, Fred C. Flauding of Portland treasurer, Dale E. Rhead of East Gary secretary, and Floyd B. Bolton of Hammond tournament director.

NORTH CITY TOPS PHILA LEAGUE

North City Chess Club triumphed in the A Division of the Philadelphia Chess League, scoring 22½-7½ in games and 5-1 in matches. Franklin Chess Club was second by 2½ points, scoring 20-10 in games and 5-1 in matches. Germantown YMCA Chess was third with 17-13 and 3½-2½.

In the B Division Haverford College swept to victory with 31½-8½ in games and a match score of 7-1. Germantown YMCA was second with 27-13 and 6-2, while University of Pennsylvania's Blue team placed third with 26½-14½ and 5-3.

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THESE will be hard words; but no other are appropriate to the occasion. For the mulish obstructionism of a few individuals threatens to make the United States Chess Federation and several of its officials liars.

On April 5, 1950, USCF President Paul G. Giers (now retired) pledged in an article in CHESS LIFE that the next U.S. Championship event (after the proposed 1950 tournament, which was actually held in 1951) would be planned upon a comprehensive system of qualification through State, Regional, and finally a Candidates' Tournament.

Some lingering scepticism, particularly in the Mid-West, greeted this announcement from various groups of players who were suspicious of the fact that the 1950 U.S. Championship was scheduled as an invitational affair. They feared that this one invitational event would be used as a precedent for others; and it must now be admitted that their fears have apparently been justified.

To quell this scepticism at the time, we wrote in good faith our own pledge (based upon the stated resolutions of the USCF Board of Directors) that the Federation would adhere to the Three-Year Cycle Plan as it had been adopted and approved by several successive Boards of Directors. We did not then anticipate that any official of the Federation would deliberately direct his energies and the authority of his office to preventing the operation of this Three-Year Cycle. Nor did we anticipate that the U.S. Championship Tournament Committee (charged with the arrangement of the details by Board of Directors resolution) would follow the simple expedient of ignoring this important duty under the encouragement of the two USCF officials most directly charged with the responsibility of implementing the plan.

What Mr. Giers may think concerning the deliberate effort to make him seem a liar to the USCF membership by thwarting those plans which he solemnly pledged for the Federation on behalf of the membership, we do not know. We do know what we think. We think that any organization, which deliberately breaks its pledged word to its membership, automatically ceases to deserve support from that membership. We know that we cannot serve an organization which permits us to pledge in its name certain commitments, and then fails to abide by that pledge.

Since no effort has been made to implement the first (and in some respects the most important) phase of the Three-Year Cycle Plan for the Championship (which should have been implemented early in 1951!), it now becomes the painful duty of the USCF Board of Directors at the annual meeting at Tampa this July not only to reprimand USCF President Harold M. Phillips for his deliberate sabotage of the plan, but to place its operation into other and more reliable hands, since President Phillips cannot be trusted to fulfill the frequently stated will of the Board in regard to the Three-Year Cycle.

Our editorial of March 20th, 1952 on the U.S. Championship provoked sufficient protest from the membership for USCF President Harold M. Phillips to rouse from lethargy long enough to direct USCF Secretary Phil J. Mary to contact the "Regional Directors" in regard to establishing regional tournaments. This ineffective gesture of evasion produced, of course, no action except the deceptive illusion of action, for there are no "regional directors" for the USCF, and the Three-Year Cycle Plan very definitely does not envision Regional (or Areal) Tournaments such as were staged for the preliminaries of the 1948 U.S. Championship.

The Plan says (we repeat again): "In accordance with rules to be formulated later this year, there will be state or regional competition, and every state or regional champion emerging from such tournaments will qualify for participation in the 1952 Candidates' Tournament."

It is quite obvious from the context that no formal Area Tournaments in the sense of the 1948 Championship Area Preliminaries were envisioned; the use of the title "state or regional champions" indicates this fact clearly. What was determined in setting up the Three-Year Cycle Plan, was that certain standards would be set for tournaments, whether state or regional, and that all the tournaments which fulfilled these stipulated standards would qualify their winners for the Candidates' Tournament. "Regional" was used, not in the sense of an Area Preliminary (for the word "Area" was sedulously avoided), but to cover such events as the New England Championship, the Southern Association Open, the Southwestern Open, the Trans-Mississippi, etc., if these events fulfilled the standards which the U.S. Championship Tournament Committee was directed to establish.

Encouraged by USCF President Harold M. Phillips and abetted by U.S. Tournament Committee Secretary Hans Kmoch (who has fortunately since resigned his office), the U.S. Tournament Committee has consistently failed upon one plea or another to set these standards, although it is not a matter which would require overmuch deliberation with the USCF Rating System at hand as a ready-made yardstick.

In an article (not yet published), USCF Rating Statistician Kenneth Harkness states: "As a rough guide, a Swiss System must average close to 1900 and a Round Robin over 1900 to make it possible for the winner or leading scorers to earn ratings of 2300 points." It seems obvious that it would therefore be easy to set the standard of performance for any tournament on the sole basis of rating points for qualification of its winner as an entrant in the Candidates' Tournament. If the tournament averages a rating of 1900 points or better, or if a winner earns 2300 performance points or more, he could be said to be eligible for the Candidates' Tournament; and a list of such eligibles could be compiled by the Rating Statistician and published in CHESS LIFE months in advance of the scheduled date for the Candidates' Tournament. Or the U.S. Championship Tournament Committee could set the standard of performance higher, if it thought such action advisable.

But this solution proved to be much too simple for the U.S. Championship Tournament Committee when we suggested it to them almost a year ago. Under the guidance of USCF President Harold M. Phillips they preferred to do nothing at all. Did they labor under the eager hope that when time grew too short for any qualifying events, they could then proclaim that another invitational tournament must be accepted as an emergency measure?

Since any Candidates' Tournament in 1953 must draw from entries who were qualified in 1952, it will be a very unsatisfactory solution for the Board of Directors now to set the standards to cover tournaments played in 1952. Many of these events have already been completed. But obviously no other expedient except this makeshift one remains, if the pledge of USCF President Paul G. Giers in 1950 and the subsequent pledges of CHESS LIFE Editor Montgomery Major are to be kept. And these pledges were made officially upon behalf of the Federation under the authority of stated resolutions of various USCF Boards of Directors.

We look to the Board of Directors at Tampa to act, since it is now obvious that nothing except obstructive tactics can be expected from Presidential headquarters in New York City. Of course, it is to be recognized that the USCF Board of Directors, when meeting in Tampa, has the inherent authority to reverse the decisions of all previous Boards and break the pledge made to the membership in 1950. We do not, however, believe that they will do so, if they consult the wishes of the membership.

Montgomery Major

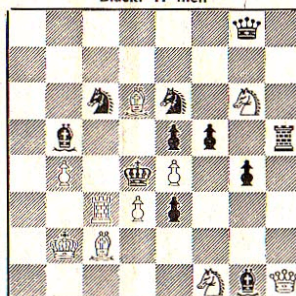
Mate The Subtle Way!

by Vincent L. Eaton

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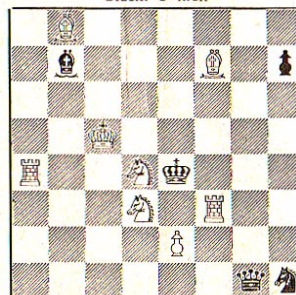
By F. Bennett
Kin Kin, Australia
First Publication
Black: 11 men



White: 10 men
6g1, 8, 2sBcS1, 1d2p1, 1p1kP1p1,
2Rpn3, 1KB5, 4SbQ
White mates in two moves

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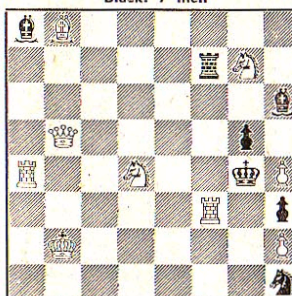
By Edgar Holladay
Third Prize "British Chess Magazine," 1951
Black: 5 men



White: 8 men
1B6, 1b3B1p, 4ZK5, R2Sk3, 3S1R2,
4P3, 6q5
White mates in two moves

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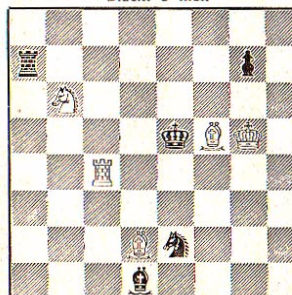
By E. J. Eddy
Third Prize "West Sussex Gazette" 1930
Black: 7 men



White: 9 men
bB6, 5rS1, 7b, 1q4p1, R2S2kP, 5R1p,
1K5P, 7s
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 338

By A. Gulyaev
First Prize, "Shakhmati" 1946
Black: 5 men



White: 5 men
8, r5p1, 1S6, 4KBK1, 2R5, 8, 3Bs3, 3b4
White mates in three moves

For solutions to previously published problems, please turn to page four.

Chess Life In New York

By Eliot Hearst

S VETOZAR GLIGORICH, victor at the recent Los Angeles International Tourney, has returned to New York, and, as the first exhibition in the series he plans, he took on all comers at the renovated quarters of the Marshall Chess Club. This simultaneous was additionally unique in that Gligorich, four-time winner of the powerful Yugoslav championship, is the first player from that country ever to give such a display at the Marshall. Edward Lasker, club president, related in his introductory words that Gligorich made quite a hit with the Cuban sponsors of the Havana tourney in which he finished behind only Najdorf and Reshevsky; so much so that the popular Slav was actually the fans' favorite to win after just a few days in the Cuban capital!

In his exhibition Gligorich did not lean toward the bizarre or unusual, at least in his choice of openings—he played P-K4 or P-Q4 on every board without even a single English, Reti or Bird's as most performers are wont to experiment with often. He, too, was playing under a serious handicap (?)—just before the evening's festivities began, Gligorich had cut his left thumb badly in some minor accident; the twenty five opponents soon found, however, that moves with his right hand were potent enough! The Yugoslav, whose popularity may in part be due to his ability to converse in many languages and thus with almost anyone (although not as fluently as the smooth O'Kelly of Belgium!), scored twenty wins, two losses, and three draws with the reversals coming at the hands of Willy Burck and Madame Von Haebler who, it may be remembered, obtained a draw with Arturo Pomar in an "unusual" exhibition game mentioned several issues back—1½ points out of 2 against such competition is not to be sneezed at! Arthur Feuerstein, one of the Marshall's most talented junior players, was the exchange up in an easily won ending when he unknowingly repeated the position three times—Gligorich (the exhibitor!) was quick to point it out and claimed the half-point; the other draws were achieved by J. Repecka and G. Jacobson. All in all, the young Slav champion has made quite a hit with New York chess fans, too, just as it appears he does everywhere!

IN BRIEF: The octagonal brick building donated by an anonymous contributor to house the Central Park chess players in bad weather is now under construction and should be "open for business" in the near future. . . . Louis Levy leads Phil Le Cornu in their four-game match, 1½-½. . . . The Brooklyn, Marshall and Sunset Park Chess Clubs are tied for first in the "B" division of New York's Met League with one round to go.

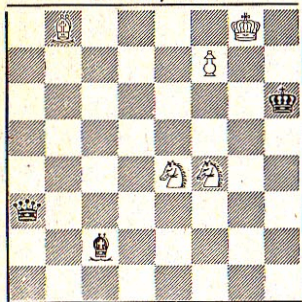
CLEVELAND TOPS COLUMBUS TEAM

In an intercity match Cleveland overwhelmed Columbus by 1½-1½ in a double round team encounter of ten boards. All Columbus could salvage from the wreckage were three draws by Walter Mann, Kurt Loening and Ryan.

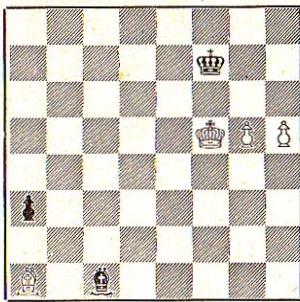
DALLAS LEADING TEXAS INTERCITY

The Texas Intercity Chess League finds Dallas leading 2-0 with a 9-1 victory over Fort Worth and an 8½-1½ triumph over Waco. Fort Worth is second with 1-1, scoring an 8½-1½ victory over Waco.

Position No. 93
By Robert Brieger
Houston, Texas



Position No. 94
By Carl E. Diesen
North Tonawanda, N. Y.



1B4K1, 5P2, 7k, 8, 4SS2, a7, 2B5, 8
White to play and win

8, 5k2, 5KPP1, 8, p7, 8, B1b5
White to play and win

White To Play And Win!

Conducted by William Rojam

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THE answer to our remarks concerning the rarity of American end-game compositions came in a sudden flurry of studies, all made in America. We are now stocked with the works of Robert Brieger, Carl E. Diesen, and Richard Kujoth, which we hope to present in this and succeeding issues. Now, all that is needed is to persuade our associates, Edmund Nash, Guilherme Groesser, and Montgomery Major to contribute studies and this column will have presented a cross-section of American end-game composers. Beyond these, there is only a very rare composition by problemists like Julius Buchwald; otherwise the USA contains no exponents of the study, for it is an art that seems to flourish most naturally upon the continent of Europe.

Position No. 93 represents a rather amusing finish by Robert Brieger of Houston. It is obvious that 1. P-B8(Q) ch, QxQ ch; 2. KxQ, BxKt is not the answer, for White B and Kt can only draw against the Black B. So a more subtle procedure must be found by White in order to win.

In Position No. 94 by Carl Diesen of North Tonawanda, White faces a problem in the determined opposition of Black K and B to the queening of a P. Yet White can win if his skill is sufficient to the occasion.

For solutions, please turn to Page four.

SCHMIDT TAKES SYRACUSE CITY

Dr. Bruno W. Schmidt of Homer won the Syracuse (N.Y.) City Championship by defeating Arthur W. Wood 2-0 in a playoff for the title. In the regular 10 round Swiss event, Dr. Schmidt and Arthur Wood were tied for first at 9-1 each. Dr. Schmidt, who came to the USA in 1938, was Michigan State Co-Champion in 1946 and 1949, and was runner-up in the 1951 Syracuse City event. Arthur Wood, dean of Syracuse players, has held the city title eight times and played in the Genesee Cup Matches for Syracuse.

Alfred H. Cope and Leslie Kilmer tied for third with 7-3; H. R. Bungay and George Scriabin tied for fifth with 6½-3½ each.

HOLAHAN WINS YORK CITY-CO.

Thomas F. Holahan won the combined York (Pa) City and County title by besting Dinitro Grenda and William B. Yeagley, winners in other sections of preliminary play by 4-2. Grenda was second and Yeagley third, while Luther P. Brown won the consolation title.

In the Junior Division the title went to 11-year old Thomas L. Gabriele, while Charles Klinedinst was second and David Schatanoff third. Robert O. Burns won the consolation.

In the Women's event the title went to Gladys Purcell, while newcomer Marion Redmond placed second. All the trophies for these events were donated by Spero Custis, vice-president of the York Y Chess Club.

HOLMES TAKES PIERCE CO. MEET

Vernon Holmes of Tacoma Chess Club won the Pierce County title 6-0 in a 12 player Swiss event. Cakarnis was second with 4½-1½, losing to Holmes and drawing with Leach, who placed third with 3½-2½ upon S-B points. Fourth and fifth with 3½-2½ were Coubrough and Dickey.

HURT TRIUMPHS IN W.VA. EVENT

John Hurt of Charleston lost his first game but thereafter won four straight to win the West Virginia Co-Champions' Tourney before dropping his final round game to Dr. S. Werthammer. Dr. Werthammer by winning this final game climbed into a second-place tie with Allen H. DuVall. The four player Co-Champions' Tourney was a non-title event contested by the four co-champions of the State. In winning Hurt dropped games to Werthammer and DuVall. Edward M. Foy, who tied for the title in the annual event, in this contest seemed outclassed, salvaging only one draw apiece from Werthammer and DuVall. Charles Morgan directed the event, and he and Dr. Vincent Hayward donated the prize for the winner.

YARMAKS TOP PASSIAC JUNIOR

Isaac Yarmak placed first with 4½-½ and Saul Yarmak second with 3½-1½ in the Clifton-Passaic Junior Championship with William Tritchel third with 3-2 in the 6 player round robin event. Saul drew with Isaac and also drew with Zoltan Farkas and George Schoem. Tritchel lost to both the Yarmaks and was otherwise victorious. This was a 100% USCF Rated event.

TRAIBUSH WINS BOULDER EVENT

Championship of the combined City of Boulder and University of Colorado tournament went to E. V. Traibush who learned his skill in the New York Metropolitan League matches, with a score of 4-0 in the 12 player Swiss event. Pete Barglow was second with 3-1 on S-B points, losing to Traibush. Third and fourth, also with 3-1 each were Paul Goetsch, an exchange student from Germany, and Kenneth Mundt. Goetsch lost a game to Barglow, and Mundt lost to Traibush.

How the Rating System Works

By KENNETH HARKNESS
USCF Rating Statistician

(Kenneth Harkness, co-author of "An Invitation to Chess" and author of "Invitation to Bridge," is the inventor of the mathematical rating system adopted by the USCF to rank American chessplayers. In the first article of this series, Mr. Harkness reviewed his predictions on the results of the Havana tournament.—The Editor.)

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THE National Rating System, now in operation for two years, is like one of those mechanical brains you read about in the papers. Tournament results are fed in at one end and ratings come out at the other. The machine has no feelings or emotions. When presented with the results of a tournament, it pays no attention to fancy titles. The sponsors may call it a Masters' Tournament to Decide the Championship of Fifteen Counties; but the system adds up the ratings of the players, strikes an average, and calls the contest an 1843-point Class B event, if that is how it turns out.

If you win a tournament you get the highest rating. Others may claim that you were just lucky and got all the breaks, but the system looks at your score. It knows nothing about luck. Never heard of it. Sad to relate, though, the eagle eye of the rating system sees your name as clear as can be if it shows up at the bottom of the final standings. The machine measures your failures as well as your successes. This is not a one-way system. Your rating can go up or down.

The system is unimpressed by brilliance. As pointed out by our good friend Tony Santasiere, you cannot measure the beauty of a rose. The rating system doesn't even try. Call it vulgar if you wish, but the system is concerned only with results. You may lose a game brilliantly, but it counts no more than any other goose-egg on the final score-sheet.

Unless informed to the contrary, the system assumes that all players in chess tournaments are healthy. Alibis leave the machine completely cold. Maybe you had a headache, or a toothache, or a backache. Perhaps it was too hot, or too stuffy, or too smoky. Could be there was too much noise, or you didn't like the way your opponent behaved. The system has heard all the alibis, but it just doesn't care. Your score is the only thing that counts.

Twice every year, all the rating cards are fed into the machine to add the ratings earned in various tournaments and compute averages. Your card comes out with a new rating for the last semi-annual period, if you competed during that time. The system is neither glad nor sorry if it is higher or lower than before, for it has no personal opinion about your playing strength and is completely unbiased.

When figuring average ratings, the system ignores most of the past glories of active players. Heartless, perhaps, but time marches on and the system goes along with it. The machine produces an average that represents your current strength, not what you used to do in times gone by. You are given just a little credit (or perhaps a debit) for past performances, but your new average rating is largely determined by your latest successes or failures.

Unfortunately, this writer does not possess a machine that does the work outlined above; he has to do it himself. But the work is purely mechanical and could, in fact, be done by a machine. After the rules have been laid down, figuring the ratings is just routine labor. Every now and then we have to go round with an oil-can and take the squeak out of some of the wheels, or make a few adjustments to correct errors and distortions that have crept in. We are continually working on refinements and improvements. Perfection is unattainable, but the system is working well. The ratings of players who have competed in ten or more contests are quite accurate. Others may be off one way or the other because the players have not competed often enough to give us a real line on their strength.

If you have competed in only one rated tournament, we publish your name with an asterisk after the rating to indicate that the figure is a provisional one, subject to change as soon as you compete in another tournament. These provisional ratings are the least accurate.

After your classification has been established by competing in two or more rated tournaments, the figure after your name in any semi-annual rating list is the highest average you achieved through the two years prior to the publication of the list. This means, of course, that the published ratings keep pace with your progress if you are shooting upward. During any half-year period you may be doing better than your last rating indicated, but the next list will catch up with you. On the other hand, if you are on the downgrade, the system gives you the benefit of the doubt and withholds publication of a lower rating. You are not demoted in the published listings until your averages have remained below your previous rating for a period of two years.

You are taken off the list if you do not compete for two years. Your card stays in the files for three more years but your name is not published unless you return to competition. After five years of inactivity your ratings are cancelled and your card destroyed.

If you were living in Russia, where they breed chessplayers like mice, the rating system there would make you start in at the bottom of the ladder and progress upward from class to class. Then, if you succeeded in reaching the Master Candidate group, you would have to move mountains to get into the select circle of established Masters and Grandmasters. Your chances of getting out of the slums would be pretty slim. Here we cannot promise you an apartment to yourself or a shiny new automobile, but our rating system gives you the chance to start at any level and become a Master in not more than six months. The USCF will tell the world you are a master player if you have what it takes and can prove it across the board. All you have to do is to compete in at least two rated tournaments with strong enough entries so that you score an average of 2300 points or more. That's all—but it isn't easy.

In the next issue, we will tell you how to earn enough rating points to become a Master—the kind of tournaments you must play in, and how the rating points are issued.

(This is the second of a series of articles by Mr. Harkness. The third will appear in the next issue of CHESS LIFE.—The Editor.)

CLIFTON-PASSAIC JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Passaic, Clifton, 1952

1. Isaac Yarmak (Passaic)	.....	x	3	1	1	1	1	4½-½
2. Saul Yarmak (Passaic)	.....	x	1	1	1	3	3	33-1
3. William Tritchel (Passaic)	.....	0	0	x	1	1	1	3-2
4. Britton Harwood (Clifton)	.....	0	0	0	x	1	1	2-3
5. Zoltan Farkas (Clifton)	0	0	0	0	x	1	1½-3½
6. George Schoem (Clifton)	0	0	0	0	0	x	1½-3½

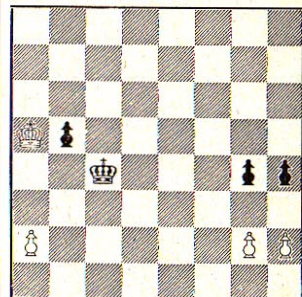
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What's The Best Move?

By Guilherme Groesser

Position No. 95



8, 8, 8, Kp6, 2k3pp, 8, P5PP, 8
Black to play

Send solutions to Position No. 95 to the Editor, CHESS LIFE, by July 5, 1952.

Solution to Position No. 92

This forceful finish to the Mandel-Johner game, Zurich, 1930 did not deceive many solvers. The actual game continued: 1. Kt-K6 ch; 2. PxKt, PxP ch; 3. K-Kt1, Kt-B7; 4. RxKt, R-R8 ch; 5. KxR, PxR and White resigned as Black's P cannot be stopped from queening. If 2. K-Kt1, Kt-R6 gives Black sufficient control to win without trouble.

A few solvers suggest 1. P-R6 which may eventually win, but there is no clear-cut victory after 2. P-KKt3. Correct solutions are acknowledged received from: J. A. Baker (Mankato), R. Chauvenet (Silver Spring), J. E. Comstock (Duluth), F. Faucher (New Haven), G. W. Flynn (Sacramento), H. Gaba (Hazel Park), E. Gault (New Brighton), A. R. Hartwig (Peoria), C. Joachim (Seattle), P. Kiebo, Jr. (West Haven), E. J. Korpany (Woodside), H. Kurruk (Des Plaines), Kenneth Lay (Ripon), Dr. J. Melnick (Portland), E. F. Muller (Flint), Kenneth Mundt (Eldorado Springs), E. Nash (Washington), P. J. Skoff (Joliet), H. C. Underwood (Washington), C. Weber (Sallina), W. B. Wilson (Amherstburg), N. P. Witting (Salem).

MILLER GAINS CLEVELAND CITY

George Miller, of the Miller twins, won the Cleveland City Championship (which he held in 1946) with 6-2 in the 8 round Swiss event. Brother Harald Miller was second, also with 6-2 but 1½ less S-B points. Third and fourth on S-B points with equal 5½-2½ scores were Nasvytis and Harkins while Stearns scored 4-4.

FLINT TRIUMPHS IN VALLEY MEET

By besting Midland Chess Club, the Flint (Mich.) Chess Club gained the Saginaw Valley Team Championship and possession of the Brown Jug Trophy held by Midland for three years. In downing Midland 6½-1½ for the title, Morgan, Jurjevskis, Reddy, Rymasewski, Higley and Beaudette scored for Flint, while Micklick salvaged the point for Midland. Pollak (Flint) drew with Gregg.

Flint also bested Saginaw 6-0 and Bay City 5½-1½ for an undefeated league season.

Mechanics' Institute (Calif.) Chess Club had its Championship event end in a triple tie between F. Byron, C. Capps and J. Schmitt with 4-1 each. Byron lost a game to Capps, who lost to Schmitt who lost to Byron. The three will play off the tie for first.

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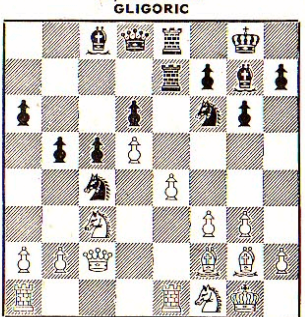
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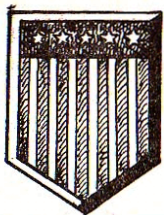
Hollywood International Tournament, Los Angeles, 1952

Notes by Erich W. Marchand

White KASHDAN Black S. GLIGORIC
 1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3 3. Kt-KB3 B-K2
 2. P-QB4 P-KK3 4. P-KK3 P-B4
 This is Black's bid for a foothold in the center. If 5. Pxp, then Q-R4 ch recovers the P.
 5. B-K2 Q-O 7. Kt-B3 Kt-B3
 6. P-Q3 8. P-Q5
 This move seems to be partly responsible for White's losing his grip on the position. A reasonable alternative would be 5. P-KR3, intending 9. B-K3. If then 8. Kt-QR4, then 9. P-K3.
 9. Kt-QR4 9. Kt-Q2
 After this move White's development is clearly disorganized. If 9. P-K3, then 9. Kt-K5. But quite playable is 9. Q-Q3, B-B4; 10. P-K4.
 9. P-QR3 12. BXP P-QK4
 10. Q-B2 P-K3 13. Kt-K1 R-K1
 11. P-K4 Pxp 14. Kt-B1 R-R2
 Black has obtained an excellent position. Unwise would be 14. P-K5. If then 15. Kt-R4, Kt-QP; 16. P-K5, B-K2. However, White can play 14. Kt-QP, venting Kt-QP and then Black will have little chance later of playing Kt-QB5. The text move brings the QR quickly and effectively into play.
 15. B3 Q-R2 16. B-K3
 This proves to be an error as Black demonstrates.
 17. Kt-KtP 16. Kt-B5
 18. QxKt P-K15 17. B-B2 Kt-B5

After 17. B-B2





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BRASKET TOPS STEINMEYER



TAMPA — SITE OF THE OPEN

The City of Tampa, as seen from Davis Island. The large building in the foreground is the Municipal Hospital.



USCF EXECUTIVES AT FORT WORTH

The USCF Executive Committee as it appeared in session at the U.S. Open Championship and Congress at Fort Worth in 1951. Left to right, USCF Secretary Phil J. Mary, USCF Vice-President and Treasurer Edward I. Trend, USCF President Harold M. Phillips, USCF Vice-President Frank R. Graves, USCF Past President Elbert A. Wagner, Jr., USCF Vice-President William Byland, and USCF Membership Secretary Glenn E. Hartleb.



TOP PLAYERS AT TRANS-MISSISSIPPI

Seated, left to right: Frank J. Cabot III, Robert Steinmeyer, and Curt Brasket; standing, left to right: Dr. Giles A. Koelsche, Franz Neugebauer, Harry A. Lew, John Penquite, Kimball Nedved, and Paul Poschel.

28th Trans-Mississippi Attracts 80 Players for a Photo-Finish

By JOHN G. WARREN

The 28th Annual Trans-Mississippi Open Tournament—nicknamed by its players this year as the "Northern U.S. Open"—was won by Curt Brasket, youthful Tracy, Minn. player, in a photo-finish over Robert Steinmeyer of St. Louis, Mo. Brasket and Steinmeyer each scored 5½-1½ in the 6 round event, but Brasket's SB points totaled 20.25 while Steinmeyer's was an even 20.

The tournament had 80 entries, more than doubling last year's list of 39, and members of the tournament committee of the Tri-City Chess and Checker Club, Davenport, Ia., sponsors of the event, have already begun plans to enlarge it to 7 or 8 rounds next year.

In third place was Povilas Tautvaisas, former Chicago Champion and current Illinois Open titlist. Frank J. Cabot III of Sturgeon Bay, Wis. was fourth, and Paul Poschel former Illinois Champion and former U. S. Correspondence Champion, was fifth. Other cash prize winners were Richard Kujoth, Wisconsin Champion, sixth; and Paul Adams, Chicago, seventh.

Strength of the event was illustrated by the facts that the Illinois Champion, Kimball Nedved, placed 9th; the Iowa titlist, John Penquite of Des Moines, came in 11th; and last year's Trans-Mississippi champion, Dr. G. A. Koelsche, the present Minnesota Champion, placed 20th.

Other strong mid-west players who found the competition exceptionally rough were Dr. L. C. Young of Madison, Wis., 19th; George Eastman of Detroit, Mich., 22nd; Harry A. Lew of St. Louis, Missouri State Champion, 25th; Alfred Ludwig, Omaha Champion and former U.S. Correspondence titleholder, 29th; and Lee Magee, strong Nebraska player, 34th.

Prizes totaled about \$300.00 with \$237.00 in cash and the remainder in merchandise awards. There were 17 prize winners. Brasket took home \$90.00 as the first prize money.

Among the best performances was that of Paul Adams, young Chicagoan, who won a victory over Tautvaisas in the 4th round and then drew with Brasket in the 5th to assure himself a place among the prize winners. Steinmeyer's draw in the fourth round, with Angelo Sandrin of Chicago, brother of Al Sandrin, the former U.S. Open Champion.

The event was held in the spacious Chamber of Commerce auditorium, Davenport, Ia. At least five State Champions participated, with numerous other district, city and sectional titleholders.

The tournament held special significance for Franz Neugebauer of Chicago, four-time Trans-Mississippi titleholder. It was the 25th anniversary of his first Trans-Mississippi championship, won in 1927. He also did credit to himself in such strong competition, finishing in 18th place.

THERIEN WINS AT QUEBEC CITY

Jules Therien took the Quebec City Championship in addition to the Quebec City Speed title. At the same time young Loic Therien (his 9-year old son) won the Quebec City "B" Championship and the Quebec City Juvenile title. Bernard LeSage took the Quebec Junior title (16-21) and also the Junior Speed. Miss Jacqueline Giroux triumphed in the Quebec Women's Championship.

PENQUITE TOPS SO. DAKOTA MEET

John Penquite of Des Moines travelled to Rapid City to win the South Dakota Open Championship 5-1 in a 15 player Swiss, losing one game to P. Cooper Ellis of Scottsbluff, Neb. Ellis placed second on S-B points with 4-2, losing a game to Bryant W. Holmes, and drawing with Bertin Goddard and M. F. Anderson.

Tied for third and declared South Dakota Co-Champions were M. F. Anderson of Rapid City and Bryant W. Holmes of Sioux Falls, with 4-2 each and equal S-B and Solkoff points. Anderson lost to Penquite, and drew with Ellis and Holmes. Holmes lost to Penquite, and drew with Merl W. Reese and Anderson. Merl Reese of Denver placed fifth, also with 4-2, losing to Penquite, and drawing with Holms and Goddard.

CRAMER WINS PEORIA OPEN

H. G. Cramer won the 16 player Peoria Open Championship 7½-1½, losing no games but drawing with J. E. Hodge, A. R. Hartwig, and Lorence O'Russa. Second and third on S-B points with equal 6½-2½ scores were J. E. Hodge and A. R. Hartwig. Hodge lost a game to C. A. Lyon and drew with Cramer, Ray Shipman, and R. L. Pocklington of Joliet. Hartwig lost to Hodge and drew with Cramer, but forfeited one round. Ray Shipman was fourth with 5½-3½, losing to Cramer and Louis Hafner, and drawing with Hodge, John Roecker, and Dean Lybarger.

DAHLSTROM WINS IN CHICAGO PARK

Finals of the Chicago Park System Championship saw Burton Dahlstrom place first, with Paul C. Adams second, and Raymond McGill third. The finalists in qualified in various Park District preliminary tournaments. Raymond McGill, who placed third, is one of the most promising young Negro players in Chicago.

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MSCA SETS DATE FOR CAMP OUTING

The annual outing of the Massachusetts State Chess Ass'n promises more than usual fun this year, for the whole of Indian Head Camp at Pembroke, Mass. will be at the disposal of the chess players, complete with lake. Members are warned to save September 7th for this gala affair and to bring picnic lunches, swimming suits, fishing rods, suntan oil . . . and, oh yes, chess sets.

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EINAR MICHELSON

ANOTHER old-timer in American chess passed away last month when Einar Michelson succumbed to a heart-attack. Associated in his early days with Capablanca, Michelson was always a colorful character in American chess, winning the Western Chess Ass'n Championship in 1907. In more recent years, Michelson was active in chess in Chicago, winning City and State titles upon a number of occasions. His last chess venture in tournament play was a fourth on S-B points in the 70 player Wisconsin State Championship only a few weeks before his death. His many friends will miss him as they gather round the board, for unlike many experts, Einar Michelson loved his chess and could be found most nights at the club, busily engaged in playing.

A PROGRAM FOR TAMPA

WHEN the USCF Board of Directors meets at Tampa this July, several very important matters will be presented for discussion and action, for there is no minimizing the fact that dilatory action in the past on several of the problems that confront the Federation has permitted these problems at last to become critical.

We will not endeavor to suggest to the Board what its course of action should be, nor will we attempt to outline its agenda. But we will suggest that the following matters deserve and demand careful consideration:

1) Membership. There have been a number of abortive schemes proposed by various Boards for a membership drive; but none of these has ever matured into a bonafide membership drive. In the critical state of the Federation, if it is to survive and develop chess in the USA, the problem of a larger membership must be solved. It is essential to the life of the Federation that its membership be increased.

2) Information. No membership drive can become effective without accurate dissemination of information concerning Federation activities. The failure to publish the Minutes of the Board of Directors' Meeting at Fort Worth is inexcusable, for in no other way could the membership at large learn what was determined and what plans had been laid for future activities. It was even more inexcusable that no copy of the Minutes was supplied (as in the past) to the individual directors, so that those who were not present could at least observe the developments with intelligent interest.

3) Chess Life. The continuing deficit accumulated in publishing Chess Life must be erased by some scheme of promotion which will increase the circulation to a point where it will carry the costs of publication. Otherwise there is no conceivable alternative but to suspend publication. We have been clamoring for a number of years for the Board to authorize and implement the promotion of Chess Life circulation; and now it is evident that no further delay can be permitted. In fact, it is almost too late for any promotional scheme to be sufficiently effective.

4) The U.S. Championship Three-Year Cycle Plan. It remains for the Board to fulfill the promises made to the membership in implementing the Three-Year Cycle Plan of qualification for the U.S. Championship.

There are many other important subjects for discussion, no doubt, but to the Editor these seem the paramount items in the agenda which must be discussed, investigated, and the riddles solved, if the Federation is to continue doing business at the old stand.

Not to handicap the Board of Directors in their decisions in regard to CHESS LIFE, the Editor will submit the Board his resignation as editor, which they may accept, table or refuse as they choose.

Montgomery Major

The Kibitzer Has His Day

From the Editor's Mail Bag

Dear Mr. Major:

With the approach of summer, many state and local tournaments will be taking place, most popular dates bunching around the 4th of July and Labor Day.

I should therefore like to take a little space in Chess Life to once again urge the use of the S-M system for breaking ties in a Swiss type tournament.

The tenacity with which many adhere to the S-B system is beyond my ken, particularly since many reasons have been set forth indicating the unfairness of the S-B.

There are many who still want to be convinced that all opponents of a player should be considered in computing a player's tie-breaking score. They still cannot see why the lost games should be included. In

an effort to corroborate and support previous reasons given, I offer a new approach or hypothesis.

Assure a general condition where "A" wins from B
draws with C
loses to D.

For this draw with C, A receives one-half point, as does C. The draw indicates that A and C wound up even, after an even start. In effect, the tournament gives one half point to each of the players in any one contest, and the two contestants vie to win, each from the other, the half point the other received.

Since A and C drew their game, their position at the end of the game was no different than at the start of the game. In other words, the half-point is given to the players at the start of the game, not at the end.

There should be no dissenting criticism of my remark that each game starts off as a draw. Thus, in the game between A and B, the tournament gives each one half point before the first man is moved. Since A won from B, A wins B's one half point, while B loses the half point given him. For A, therefore $\frac{1}{2}$ plus $\frac{1}{2}$ equals 1. For B, $\frac{1}{2}$ minus $\frac{1}{2}$ equals 0. For his game with C, A has his $\frac{1}{2}$ and retains it at the end of his game without change. For his game with D, which he lost, A's score is $\frac{1}{2}$ minus $\frac{1}{2}$ equals 0. Totalling his score, A has for the three games,

$\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{2}$ minus $\frac{1}{2}$; total $1\frac{1}{2}$.

Putting this in words, A's plus score of $1\frac{1}{2}$ was gained from all opponents B, C and D. That is to say—B, C and D all figured in the determination of A's plus score. Or, in any tournament, a player's plus score is made from all opponents faced. Although this hypothesis seems far-fetched, it does have reason, and does support the contention of the S-M system.

The S-B system, which claims A garnered his $1\frac{1}{2}$ only from B and C, once again is shown to be faulty, as shown from the above.

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Mate The Subtle Way!

by Vincent L. Eaton

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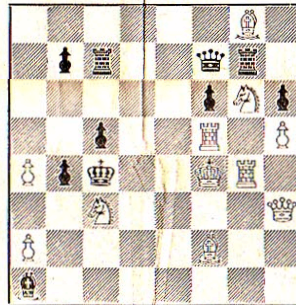
Problem No. 339

By Godfrey Heathcote

First Prize

Sydney Morning Herald, 1907-08

Black: 10 men



White: 11 men
6B1, 1pr2qr1, 5pSP, 2p2R1P,
Ppk2KR1, 2S4Q, P4B2, b7
White mates in two moves

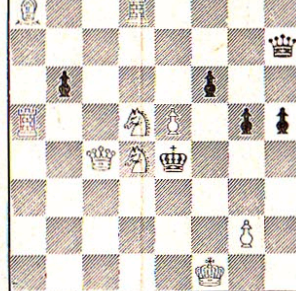
Problem No. 341

By V. Pachman

First Prize

Czech Chess Federation, 1948

Black: 6 men



White: 9 men
B2R4, 7q, 1p3p2, R2SP1pp,
2QSk3, 8, PPI, 5K2
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 340

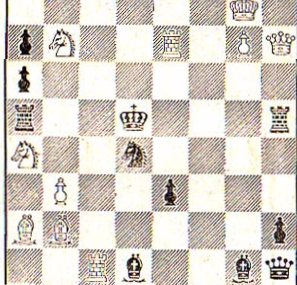
By Godfrey Heathcote

First Prize

Hampstead and Highgate Express,

1905-06

Black: 11 men



White: 10 men
6K1, pS2R1PQ, p7, r2k3r,
S2s4, 1P2p3, BB5p, 2Rb2bq
White mates in two moves

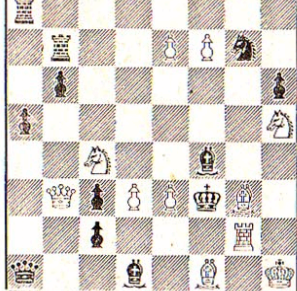
Problem No. 342

By L. Loshinsky

Second Prize

U.S.S.R. Tourney, 1948

Black: 12 men



White: 11 men
r7, 1r2PPs1, 1p5p, p6S,
2S2b2, 1QpPPkB1, 2p3R1, q2b1B1K
White mates in three moves

LIEPNIEKS WINS LINCOLN EVENT

The Spring Tournament, held at the Lincoln Chess Club, ended in a $7\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ victory for Alexander Liepnieks, who drew with runner-up Dr. E. Hinman. Hinman tied for second with 6-2, losing to A. Sildmets and drawing with Liepnieks and J. Warner. Also with 6-2 in tie for second was A. Sildmets, who lost to Liepnieks and P. Wood.

The Second Group was won by John Danenfelds with $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$, with E. Arminis second. In the Third Group Harry Inde triumphed with $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$, and J. Weber placed second. In the Fourth Group event victory went to Arvid Grava with 5-1, and W. Zobens and E. Jansons tied for second.

ACKERMAN TIES LUDWIG AT OMAHA

Breaking into the charmed circle for the first time, David Ackerman tied with Alfred Ludwig for the Omaha City Championship with 9-3 each. Ackerman lost one game to Ludwig and drew four, while Ludwig lost a game apiece to Ackerman and Chizum. Jerry Belzer was third with $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $6\frac{1}{2}$ while J. Andre was fourth with 5-7.

In tying for first, Ackerman broke the 35 year domination of the city event by Rev. Howard Ohman, Delmar Saxton and Alfred Ludwig, which was marred only once before when Lee Magee tied Saxton in 1947 but lost the playoff game. This year no play-off is contemplated.

Chess Life In New York

By Eliot Hearst

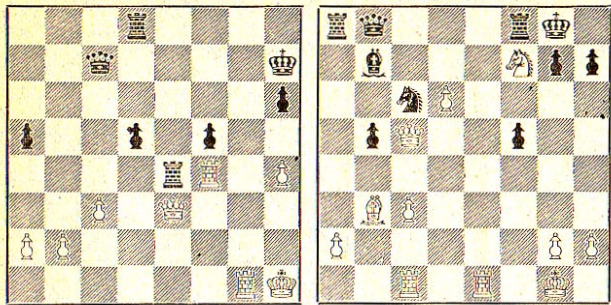
THE pairing of Sammy Reshevsky and Svetozar Gligorich in a ten-game match now being played here at the Manhattan Chess Club was a most unexpected surprise, for, on the very eve of the contest's initiation, the Yugoslav master had been set to depart for his homeland. But a quick conference between sponsors of the Manhattan C.C. and members of the Yugoslav consulate produced a schedule for this most attractive struggle, pitting "Europe's top player" (?) against the recently-crowned "champion of the non-Communist world."

At the time of this writing the match score stands 2-1 in favor of Reshevsky with the fourth game adjourned in a fairly level, but not dead drawn, position. However, the contests thus far have been, in contrast to the knock-down-and-drag-out, exciting games of the Reshevsky-Najdorf match, quite unadventurous and commonplace with only the American showing any inclination toward sharp play. Gligorich, it's reported, borrowed the scores of all the Najdorf-Reshevsky games for careful study in the short time he had to prepare for his own encounters with Reshevsky; perhaps he then decided that an aggressive play was doomed to failure for had not Najdorf attempted such a plan and been massacred whenever he did? The Slav's switching to the other extreme—undue conservatism and caution—certainly does not seem the solution either!

The first game is the only one with a decisive result as yet. Gligorich, defending the black side of a King's Indian, must have been somewhat surprised by Reshevsky's countering with a line the Yugoslav himself favors as white. However, he obtained an entirely satisfactory game with good chances for the future; then, unexpectedly, he merely sat back and shifted his knight to and fro from K1-QB2 while for twenty-one moves not a single piece was taken off the board. Reshevsky gradually built up his position and then won quickly on a time-pressure blunder by his opponent, who still had a tenable position when he erred. An interesting point was that Reshevsky was in severe time-pressure throughout the closing stages of the game, but, as soon as Gligorich caught up with him in time used, the game was practically no contest as many of the American's opponents have discovered in the past. This initial encounter was also unique in that it was Gligorich's first loss in many a moon; he had gone undefeated through the Hastings, Havana, and Los Angeles international tourneys (40 games or so) just recently.

The second game (a Ruy-Exchange Variation played by Gligorich) and the third (a Queen's Gambit declined) were not very exciting and resulted in eventual draws. It is to be hoped that the remaining games of the match will contain more of the fighting and resourceful chess of which both players are fully capable; if not, we can confidently expect seven or eight draws in this short ten game match.

In Brief: In a clock exhibition against very strong opponents, Gligorich scored 3 wins (vs. Boysan, Williams, and Mrs. Gresser) and 5 draws (vs. Bernstein, Jackson, Turner, Gutwirth, and Landau) in a novel simultaneous at the Manhattan C.C. . . . R. Flores, Chilean master, who it will be remembered won the Marshall C.C. Championship some five years ago, arrived in the U.S. for a two-month stay. Accompanying him was Dr. Reed, who was Chilean champion in 1932; both these experts hope to get in a lot of chess during their visit here . . . Marshall C. C. Championship Preliminaries are beginning shortly to determine the qualifiers for next year's championship.



Finish It The Clever Way!

Conducted by Edmund Nash

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In Position No. 83, a problem-like first move leaves Black helpless.

In Position No. 84, White could have won eventually by 1. QxKBP; however, he mated Black in four moves in the game (Black fell into the mate by avoiding catastrophic loss of material in his reply to White's first move). After Black's first move, the mate in three is forced. An instructive mate!

In Position No. 80, Carl Weberg of Salina, Kansas discovered a move which appears to disprove the forced win, and thus shows a serious flaw in the gem. He points out that after 1. B-B4, RxR ch; 2. BxR! Black should play 2....., B-B3, and come out with only the loss of a pawn.

For solutions, please turn to Page three.

USCF TEAM GOES TO HELSINKI

USCF President Harold M. Phillips has officially notified FIDE that the USA will be represented by a team in the International Team Tournament at Helsinki, August 10-31. Names of the individual members of the team (four members and two alternates) have not been released as yet, but among the volunteers for places are Hans Berliner, Sidney Bernstein, Arthur B. Bisguier, Alexander Kevitz, George Koltanowski, George Kramer, George Shainswit, and Herman Steiner. The last named served as captain of the U.S. Team in the last International Team Tournament at Dubrovnik.

Omaha (Neb.) Chess Club enjoyed a stirring exhibition by Svetozar Gligoric who won 18 games, and conceded two draws.

ROSEN REPEATS AT ST. LOUIS

For the second straight year Paul Rosen won the St. Louis Speed title, this time 6-0. Lewis W. Haller was second with 4½-1½, while David Edwards placed third with 3½-2½. Harry Lew and Eugene Roesch tied for fourth with 3-3 each.

KPFA PUTS CHESS ON AIR FRIDAYS

Radio Station KPFA of Berkeley, Calif. has inaugurated a chess program each Friday night at 9:00 p.m. in which Chess Editor George Koltanowski of the San Francisco Chronicle will play a game against the listeners as well as analyse the course of the game, selecting each time the best move submitted by the listeners.

TRANS-MISSISSIPPI OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Davenport, 1952

1. Curt Brasket (Tracy, Minn.)	W56	W30	W9	W27	D7	W13	5½-3	20.25																										
2. Robert Steinmeyer (St. Louis, Mo.)	W39	W48	W39	D13	W21	W7	5½-3	20.00																										
3. P. Tautvaals (Chicago, Ill.)	W38	W43	W35	L17	W19	W15	5-1	17.00																										
4. Frank J. Cabot III (Sturgeon Bay, Wis.)	L39	W59	W71	W52	W14	W17	5-1	14.00																										
5. Paul Poschel (Urbana, Ill.)	W44	D6	D11	W40	D20	W22	4½-1½	15.75																										
6. Richard Kujoth (Milwaukee, Wis.)	W42	D5	L21	W56	W35	W27	4½-1½	14.25																										
7. Paul Adams (Chicago, Ill.)	W77	W54	W48	W34	D1	L2	4½-1½	13.75																										
8. Geo. Rudells (Chicago, Ill.)	W16	L2	W78	D34	W24	W25	4½-1½	13.50																										
9. Kimball Nedved (Glencoe, Ill.)	W38	W40	L1	D48	W34	W23	4½-1½	13.25																										
10. John Tums (Chicago, Ill.)	W63	W49	L27	W29	D22	W20	4½-1½	13.25																										
11. John Penquite (Des Moines, Ia.)	W79	D12	D5	D36	W51	W21	4½-1½	12.50																										
12. Roy Berg (Chicago, Ill.)	W55	D11	L20	W68	W48	W41	4½-1½	11.75																										
13. Angelo Sandrin (Chicago, Ill.)	W65	W22	W37	D2	D27	L1	4-2	13.00																										
14. K. R. Jones (Chicago, Ill.)	W60	D23	W25	D20	L4	W45	4-2	11.50																										
15. Eric Gutmanis (Chicago, Ill.)	D20	D34	W65	W45	W41	L3	4-2	11.25																										
16. Sommer Sorenson (Zumbrota, Minn.)	L8	D32	W73	D18	W47	W39	4-2	11.25																										
17. Karl Wiegmann (Rock Island, Ill.)	W33	L33	W66	W49	W37	L4	4-2	11.00																										
18. Franz Neugebauer (Chicago, Ill.)	W69	D24	L34	D16	W40	W58	4-2	10.75																										
19. Dr. L. C. Young (Madison, Wis.)	L35	W75	W54	W30	L3	W37	4-2	10.00																										
20. Dr. G. A. Koelsche (Rochester, Minn.)	D15	W70	W12	D14	D5	10	3½-2½	12.25																										
21. Walter Grombacher (Chicago, Ill.)	D52	W51	W6	W23	L2	L11	3½-2½	11.75																										
22. George Eastman (Detroit, Mich.)	W45	L13	W47	W39	D10	L5	3½-2½	11.25																										
23. F. S. Anderson (St. Louis, Mo.)	W32	D14	W57	D21	W42	L9	3½-2½	11.00																										
24. Dr. H. B. Gaba (Detroit, Mich.)	W26	D18	D50	D35	L8	W57	3½-2½	10.75																										
25. Harry A. Lew (St. Louis, Mo.)	W47	L35	D58	W37	W36	L88	3½-2½	9.75																										
26. Svend Oelsen (Chicago, Ill.)	L24	W33	D19	D67	W56	W44	3½-2½	9.25																										
27. S. Winklatits (Chicago, Ill.)	W75	W68	W10	L1	D13	L6	3½-2½	9.00																										
28. Ted Lewis (Chicago, Ill.)	L40	L38	W69	W43	D33	W55	3½-2½	8.75																										
29. Alfred Ludwig (Omaha, Neb.)	D57	D53	W26	L10	D49	W50	3½-2½	8.50																										
30. Jay Bajorek (Chicago, Ill.)	W66	L1	W58	L19	D54	W49	3½-2½	8.25																										
31. Seymour Rosen (Chicago, Ill.)	L43	L46	D75	W72	W68	W48	3½-2½	7.75																										
32. Dr. I. Schwartz (Durand, Ill.)	L23	D16	L41	W79	W68	W52	3½-2½	6.50																										
33. H. C. Zierke (Racine, Wis.)	L17	L26	W80	W78	D28	W51	3½-2½	6.25																										
34. Lee Magee (Omaha, Neb.)	D50	D15	W18	D8	L9	D42	3-3	11.00																										
35. Robt. Rupelks (Chicago, Ill.)	W19	W25	L3	D24	L6	D38	3-3	10.75																										
36. Daniel Fischheimer (Chicago, Ill.)	L49	W61	W46	D11	L25	D44	3-3	9.25																										
37. Hugh E. Myers (Decatur, Ill.)	W46	W41	L13	W38	L17	L19	3-3	9.00																										
38. Earl Bell (Royal Oaks, Mich.)	L3	W28	D68	L37	W59	D35	3-3	8.25																										
39. Vladis Karpuska (Chicago, Ill.)	W23	L3	W60	L5	L18	W16	3-3	8.00																										
40. Milt Ottosen (Minneapolis, Minn.)	W23	L3	W60	L5	L18	W16	3-3	8.00																										
41. C. M. Burton (St. Louis, Mo.)	W62	L37	W32	W30	L15	L12	3-3	8.00																										
42. Charles Stein (Chicago, Ill.)	L6	D44	W72	W52	L23	D34	3-3	7.50																										
43. Dan Clark (Milwaukee, Wis.)	W31	L3	L49	L28	W75	W64	3-3	6.00																										
44. John Thomas (Ferndale, Mich.)	L5	D42	L51	W73	W65	D36	3-3	6.50																										
45. Edmund Godbold (St. Louis, Mo.)	L22	W67	W53	L15	W62	L14	3-3	6.00																										
46. Clarence Wales (Lawrence, Kans.)	L37	W31	L36	L55	W77	W67	3-3	6.00																										
47. R. L. Fletcher (Decatur, Ill.)	L25	W69	L23	W65	L16	W63	3-3	5.50																										
48. Mark Sargies (Milwaukee, Wis.)	2½-3½ (8.25); 49. Berni Brice-Nash (Rogers, Ark.)	2½-3½ (7.75); 50. Dean Lybarger (Peoria, Ill.)	2½-3½ (6.00); 51. Dr. Max Schach	2½-3½ (5.75); 52. D. E. E. Gary (Iowa)	2½-3½ (5.75); 53. Henry	Jeffrey (Rock Island, Ill.)	2½-3½ (5.75); 54. Don Madgett (Omaha, Neb.)	2½-3½ (5.25); 55. John Roll (Omaha, Neb.)	2½-3½ (5.25); 56. Theo. N. Burtness (Chicago, Ill.)	2½-3½ (4.25); 57. J. Kalnins (Chicago, Ill.)	2½-3½ (4.25); 58. Dr. J. S. Weingart (Des Moines, Ia.)	2½-3½ (3.75); 59. John G. Warren (Rock Island, Ill.)	2½-3½ (3.25); 60. Richard E. Fisher (W. Lafayette, Ind.)	2½-3½ (3.25); 61. Orville Francisco (Milwaukee, Wis.)	2½-3½ (2.75); 62. Henry Cramer (Peoria, Ill.)	2½-3½ (4.50); 63. Melvin Semb (Winona, Minn.)	2½-3½ (4.00); 64. R. D. Firebaugh (Robinson, Ill.)	2½-3½ (4.00); 65. John W. Bishop (Des Moines, Ia.)	2½-3½ (4.00); 66. Marvin L. Baldwin (Des Moines, Ia.)	2½-3½ (4.00); 67. Russell Schultz (Davenport, Ia.)	1½-4½ (4.25); 68. David Ferguson (Chicago, Ill.)	1½-4½ (4.00); 69. Clyde Gray (Davenport, Ia.)	1½-4½ (3.75); 70. William Harris (Chicago, Ill.)	1½-4½ (3.25); 71. Dr. C. W. Smith (Davenport, Ia.)	1½-4½ (3.25); 72. Willis Vandenberg (Shell Rock, Ia.)	1½-4½ (3.25); 73. Mrs. Turner Nearing (Decatur, Ill.)	1½-4½ (3.25); 74. Walter Ottosen (Milwaukee, Wis.)	1½-4½ (3.25); 75. John Freund (Davenport, Ia.)	1½-4½ (3.25); 76. R. W. Anderson (Davenport, Ia.)	1½-4½ (3.25); 77. John Petersen (Davenport, Ia.)	1½-4½ (3.25); 78. Milton Mattheis (Bellevue, Ia.)	1½-4½ (3.25); 79. Chester Lyon (Peoria, Ill.)	1½-4½ (3.25); 80. Gust Lindberg (Davenport, Ia.)	1½-4½ (3.25).

How the Rating System Works

By KENNETH HARKNESS

USCF Rating Statistician

(Kenneth Harkness, co-author of "An Invitation to Chess" and author of "Invitation to Bridge," is the inventor of the rating system adopted by the USCF to rank American chessplayers. In this series of articles, Mr. Harkness explains the mechanics of the system.—The Editor.)

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If your ambition is to become recognized as a chess Master the rating system gives you the opportunity to prove your ability and earn the title. In fact, the system will seek you out and shout your name from the housetops. You are listed as a Master if you average 2300 points or more in at least two tournaments, not counting preliminaries. Or you are listed as an Expert if you average 2100 to 2299. Other officially rated players below the Expert division are grouped in Classes A, B, C and D, each class covering a range of 200 points.

In the upper echelons there are grades of Masters, too. The common or garden variety ranges from 2300 to 2499. Above this comes the Senior Master class, between 2500 and 2699. At the top of the pyramid is the Grandmaster Class, from 2700 points up. The air up there is pretty thin.

Unless you live in one of the big chess centers, where strong players congregate, you cannot expect to qualify as a Master by playing only in local events. You can probably reach the rank of Expert, but you will not go beyond this point until you compete in stronger tournaments.

One of the best places to win your spurs is at the U.S. Open Championship. As the name implies, you need no special qualifications to compete in this event. Everybody is welcome. This is an especially good rating tournament, for the contestants come from all over the country and usually include several Masters. Last year, no less than eight players earned ratings of 2300 points or more at the U.S. Open in Ft. Worth. Master points can also be earned in some of the Regional, State, City and Club championships. As a rough guide, a Swiss System must average close to 1900 and a Round Robin over 1900 to make it possible for the winner or leading scorers to earn ratings of 2300 points. Ratings in the Expert class can be earned in tournaments averaging around 1800. However, these are only approximate figures. In future lists of rated tournaments, published semi-annually, we will try to include the number of players earning Master and Expert ratings.

How Tournaments are Rated

By this time you are aware of the fact that you earn what we call a "performance rating" when you play in a rated contest. The amount you can earn depends on two factors:

1. The strength of the competition.
2. Your score.

The scores you make in various tournaments, taken by themselves, are no indication of your playing strength. You may win all your games in one contest, then finish near the bottom in another—not because you have become a weaker player, but because the other contestants are stronger than before. To evaluate performance under different conditions we must have some way of measuring the strength of the competition. This is easy when the tournament is a round-robin between players with previous ratings. For example, here are the final standings in the Wertheim Memorial Tournament, New York 1951, and the last average ratings (at that time) of the contestants:

1. Reshevsky	2714	8 Guimard	2501
2-3 Euwe	2501	9 O'Kelly	2540
2-3 Najdorf	2719	10 Bisguier	2367
4 Fine	2789	11 Kramer	2389
5 Evans	2516	12 Shainswit	2394
6-7 Horowitz	2517		
6-7 R. Byrne	2351	Total	30,324

If we add up the individual ratings and divide by the number of players (30,324 divided by 12), we get an average of 2527 for this tournament. When we do this we are figuring what mathematicians call the "arithmetical mean." Everybody is familiar with this kind of average.

In the above example, there is an almost even distribution among three classes of players. At the top of the scale, the entries include three Grandmasters with ratings between 2714 and 2789; in the middle are five Senior Masters with ratings between 2501 and 2540; at the bottom are four Masters with ratings between 2351 and 2397. (They did not finish exactly in accordance with their ratings, but the average strength of the tournament is not affected by the results.) It can be seen with the naked eye

that the arithmetical mean of 2527 is fairly representative of the strength of this contest. If a player made an even score in this company, he would be entitled to a performance rating of 2527 points.

Unfortunately, the arithmetical mean does not always produce such a satisfactory figure. In some tournaments the distribution of entries is lop-sided. There may be one or two players with extremely high ratings, as compared with the rest of the field, and these high figures pull up the average so that it no longer represents the general strength of the tournament. For example, here are the results of the 1951 Rhode Island State Championship:

1 Suesman	2192	6 Simons	1741
2 Martin	2175	7 Grazyb	1736
3 Grossguth	1940	8 Boisvert	1825
4-5 Reich	1875		
4-5 Wholey	1825	Total	15,303

The arithmetical mean of the individual ratings is 1913 points (15,303 divided by 8). But it is obvious that this is too high. The ratings of Suesman and Martin have pulled up the average too much. Common sense tells us that a player who made an even score in this contest would be entitled to a rating of about 1850 — halfway between Reich's 1875 and Wholey's 1825. And common sense would then be taking what is known as the "median" value to represent the strength of this tournament. The figure of 1850 is at the middle of the list of contestants' ratings. Half of the players have ratings of more than 1850; the other half have ratings of less than 1850.

When we use the median value, instead of the arithmetical mean, we get a figure which is representative of a tournament's strength but is unaffected by extreme values at the top or bottom of the scale. For instance, in the example given, the median value of 1850 would not be affected in any way if Reshevsky were to substitute for Suesman. Our imaginary player who made an even score would still get a performance rating of 1850 points; he would not gain anything by losing to Reshevsky's 2714 instead of to Suesman's 2192.

(This is the third of a series of articles by Mr. Harkness. The fourth will appear in the next issue of CHESS LIFE.—The Editor.)

STAHR'S CONQUER DEL-MAR-VA MEET

The annual Del-Mar-Va (Delaware, Maryland, Virginia) event at Salisbury (Md.) resulted in a Stahre family triumph. Karl J. Stahre and his nephew, Walter Sullivan, tied for first place with 10-2, while Paul Stahre, the 18-year old son, placed third with 9-3. Dr. A. W. Morris was fourth with 3½-3½ in the 13 player round robin event.

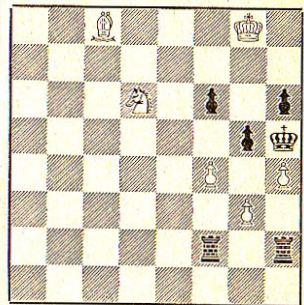
In the play-off, Stahre scored 2-1 against Sullivan to gain clear possession of the title. In the regular event K. J. Stahre lost games to I. R. Aslop and Walter Sullivan, while Sullivan lost to H. O. Michaelson and drew with Dr. A. W. Morris and E. A. Yaroszewski. Young Paul Stahre lost to father Stahre, cousin Sullivan, and H. O. Michaelson.

Friday, June 20, 1952

What's The Best Move?

By Guilherme Groessler

Position No. 96



2B3K1, 3SP1p, 6pK, 5P1, 6P1, 5R1, 8 White to play

Send solutions to Position No. 96 to the Editor, CHESS LIFE by July 20, 1952.

Solutions to Position No. 93

Oddly enough, in this position from a tournament game, either White or Black, with the move, has a winning combination. In the actual game White was blind to his opponent's deadly chances and played 1. R-Kt8 whereupon Black took the mate, inherent in the position, with 1..... Kt-R6 ch; 2. P-Kt4 (forced), R-B6 mate. (Nedeljko Udovcic, Yugoslav Master Tourney, 1951-52).

Correct play for White was, of course, 1. P-Kt3 ch, RxP; 2. Kt-B3 ch, PxKt; 3. R-R6 mate. For 2..... Kt-R6; 3. KxKt wins; and if 2..... Kt-R6; 3. KxKt wins.

Strangely enough, none of our solvers missed the win for Black in 1..... Kt-R6 ch; but a number of them failed to find the win for White. Suggestions of 1. KtP4 oblige are incorrect, for Black can respond with 1..... Kt-R6 ch and avoid mating threats, or play 1..... R-B4. 1. Kt-B3 ch is somewhat better, for Black cannot play 1..... P-Kt4; but there is no forced winning line.

Correct solutions to both White and Black moves are acknowledged received from: W. C. Adickes (Asheville), J. A. Baker (Mankato), M. Bender (Mechanicsburg), J. E. Constock (Duluth), Dr. J. M. Erman (Detroit), Joe Faucher (New Haven), G. S. Flynn (Sacramento), Dr. H. B. Gaba (Detroit), Don Garver (Lake George), E. Gault (New Brighton), A. A. Hedgecock (Frankfort), C. Joachim (Seattle), A. Kaufman (Chicago), Klebe (W. Haven), E. J. Korpany (Woodside), F. D. Knuppel (New York), H. Kurruk (Morton Grove), D. C. McDaniel (Los Angeles), Dr. J. Melnick (Portland), M. A. Michaels (Montreal), J. Morgan (Tahlequah), E. F. Muller (Flint), E. Nash (Washington), Y. V. Onogov (Monterey Park), F. J. Valvo (Guilford), D. A. Walcott (D. A. Walcott), J. (New Orleans), J. L. Weinens (Forest Hills), W. B. Wilson (Amherstburg), N. P. Witting (Salmon).

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LINCOLN DOWNS DENVER TEAM

In an interstate, intercity match, Lincoln (Neb.) invaded Denver (Colo.) and gained a hard-fought 7½-5½ victory in the 13 board event. Scoring for Lincoln were A. Bildmets, J. Sobolevskis, J. Warner, Dr. E. Hinman, B. Schwabauer, A. Freibergs and J. Weber, while for Denver S. Torey, A. Hausner, P. Micheli, A. Rotter and J. Kahan tallied. On first board A. Liepnieks drew with Jack Hursch.

Solutions:—

Finish It The Clever Way!

Position No. 83:— 1. Q-B6!, RxR; 2. Q-Kt6 ch, K-R1! 3. Q-RP ch, Q-KR2; 4. Q-B6 ch, resigns. The best defense was 1..... R-Kt1; 2. QxRP ch, K-R1; 3. RxR ch, KxR; 4. Q-B6 ch, K-R2; 5. R-B7 ch, winning the Q.

Position No. 84:— 1. Kt-K5 ch, K-R1; 2. Kt-K6 ch!, P-Kt3; 3. R-K3 and 4. R-R3 mate.

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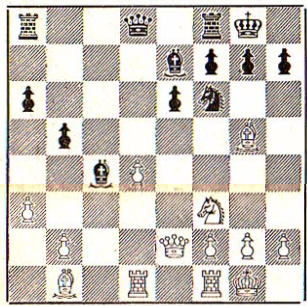
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NIMZOINDIAN DEFENSE

Hollywood International
Tournament
Los Angeles, 1952

Notes by John E. Howarth

White 1. P-Q4 2. P-QB4 3. P-K3 4. B-K2 5. QxKt ch 6. BxKt ch 7. P-K3 8. QxKt ch 9. BxKt ch 10. P-Q4 11. QxKt ch 12. B-K2 13. QxKt ch 14. B-K2 15. QxKt ch 16. B-K2 17. QxKt ch 18. B-K2 19. QxKt ch 20. B-K2 21. QxKt ch 22. B-K2 23. QxKt ch 24. B-K2 25. QxKt ch 26. B-K2 27. QxKt ch 28. B-K2 29. QxKt ch 30. B-K2 31. QxKt ch 32. B-K2 33. QxKt ch 34. B-K2 35. QxKt ch 36. B-K2 37. QxKt ch 38. B-K2 39. QxKt ch 40. B-K2 41. QxKt ch 42. B-K2 43. QxKt ch 44. B-K2 45. QxKt ch 46. B-K2 47. QxKt ch 48. B-K2 49. QxKt ch 50. B-K2 51. QxKt ch 52. B-K2 53. QxKt ch 54. B-K2 55. QxKt ch 56. B-K2 57. QxKt ch 58. B-K2 59. QxKt ch 60. B-K2 61. QxKt ch 62. B-K2 63. QxKt ch 64. B-K2 65. QxKt ch 66. B-K2 67. QxKt ch 68. B-K2 69. QxKt ch 70. B-K2 71. QxKt ch 72. B-K2 73. QxKt ch 74. B-K2 75. QxKt ch 76. B-K2 77. QxKt ch 78. B-K2 79. QxKt ch 80. B-K2 81. QxKt ch 82. B-K2 83. QxKt ch 84. B-K2 85. QxKt ch 86. B-K2 87. QxKt ch 88. B-K2 89. QxKt ch 90. B-K2 91. QxKt ch 92. B-K2 93. QxKt ch 94. B-K2 95. QxKt ch 96. B-K2 97. QxKt ch 98. B-K2 99. QxKt ch 100. B-K2



Here 17..... BxKt may not balance the position evenly, but for practical reasons it was best; and it may lead to a balanced position. 18..... RxR; 19. BxKt; P-K13; 20. BxKt; 21. RxR; 22. BxKt; 23. BxKt; 24. BxKt; 25. BxKt; 26. BxKt; 27. BxKt; 28. BxKt; 29. BxKt; 30. BxKt; 31. BxKt; 32. BxKt; 33. BxKt; 34. BxKt; 35. BxKt; 36. BxKt; 37. BxKt; 38. BxKt; 39. BxKt; 40. BxKt; 41. BxKt; 42. BxKt; 43. BxKt; 44. BxKt; 45. BxKt; 46. BxKt; 47. BxKt; 48. BxKt; 49. BxKt; 50. BxKt; 51. BxKt; 52. BxKt; 53. BxKt; 54. BxKt; 55. BxKt; 56. BxKt; 57. BxKt; 58. BxKt; 59. BxKt; 60. BxKt; 61. BxKt; 62. BxKt; 63. BxKt; 64. BxKt; 65. BxKt; 66. BxKt; 67. BxKt; 68. BxKt; 69. BxKt; 70. BxKt; 71. BxKt; 72. BxKt; 73. BxKt; 74. BxKt; 75. BxKt; 76. BxKt; 77. BxKt; 78. BxKt; 79. BxKt; 80. BxKt; 81. BxKt; 82. BxKt; 83. BxKt; 84. BxKt; 85. BxKt; 86. BxKt; 87. BxKt; 88. BxKt; 89. BxKt; 90. BxKt; 91. BxKt; 92. BxKt; 93. BxKt; 94. BxKt; 95. BxKt; 96. BxKt; 97. BxKt; 98. BxKt; 99. BxKt; 100. BxKt

DUTCH DEFENSE

Philadelphia City Championship
Philadelphia, 1952

Notes by J. N. Cotter

White 1. P-Q4 2. P-QB4 3. P-K3 4. B-K2 5. QxKt ch 6. BxKt ch 7. P-K3 8. QxKt ch 9. BxKt ch 10. P-Q4 11. QxKt ch 12. B-K2 13. QxKt ch 14. B-K2 15. QxKt ch 16. B-K2 17. QxKt ch 18. B-K2 19. QxKt ch 20. B-K2 21. QxKt ch 22. B-K2 23. QxKt ch 24. B-K2 25. QxKt ch 26. B-K2 27. QxKt ch 28. B-K2 29. QxKt ch 30. B-K2 31. QxKt ch 32. B-K2 33. QxKt ch 34. B-K2 35. QxKt ch 36. B-K2 37. QxKt ch 38. B-K2 39. QxKt ch 40. B-K2 41. QxKt ch 42. B-K2 43. QxKt ch 44. B-K2 45. QxKt ch 46. B-K2 47. QxKt ch 48. B-K2 49. QxKt ch 50. B-K2 51. QxKt ch 52. B-K2 53. QxKt ch 54. B-K2 55. QxKt ch 56. B-K2 57. QxKt ch 58. B-K2 59. QxKt ch 60. B-K2 61. QxKt ch 62. B-K2 63. QxKt ch 64. B-K2 65. QxKt ch 66. B-K2 67. QxKt ch 68. B-K2 69. QxKt ch 70. B-K2 71. QxKt ch 72. B-K2 73. QxKt ch 74. B-K2 75. QxKt ch 76. B-K2 77. QxKt ch 78. B-K2 79. QxKt ch 80. B-K2 81. QxKt ch 82. B-K2 83. QxKt ch 84. B-K2 85. QxKt ch 86. B-K2 87. QxKt ch 88. B-K2 89. QxKt ch 90. B-K2 91. QxKt ch 92. B-K2 93. QxKt ch 94. B-K2 95. QxKt ch 96. B-K2 97. QxKt ch 98. B-K2 99. QxKt ch 100. B-K2

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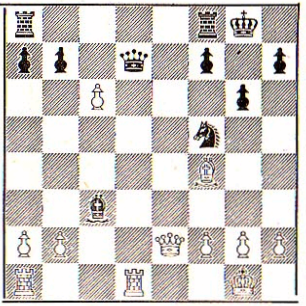
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KING'S INDIAN DEFENSE

Manhattan vs. Marshall Match
New York, 1952

White 1. P-Q4 2. P-QB4 3. P-K3 4. B-K2 5. QxKt ch 6. BxKt ch 7. P-K3 8. QxKt ch 9. BxKt ch 10. P-Q4 11. QxKt ch 12. B-K2 13. QxKt ch 14. B-K2 15. QxKt ch 16. B-K2 17. QxKt ch 18. B-K2 19. QxKt ch 20. B-K2 21. QxKt ch 22. B-K2 23. QxKt ch 24. B-K2 25. QxKt ch 26. B-K2 27. QxKt ch 28. B-K2 29. QxKt ch 30. B-K2 31. QxKt ch 32. B-K2 33. QxKt ch 34. B-K2 35. QxKt ch 36. B-K2 37. QxKt ch 38. B-K2 39. QxKt ch 40. B-K2 41. QxKt ch 42. B-K2 43. QxKt ch 44. B-K2 45. QxKt ch 46. B-K2 47. QxKt ch 48. B-K2 49. QxKt ch 50. B-K2 51. QxKt ch 52. B-K2 53. QxKt ch 54. B-K2 55. QxKt ch 56. B-K2 57. QxKt ch 58. B-K2 59. QxKt ch 60. B-K2 61. QxKt ch 62. B-K2 63. QxKt ch 64. B-K2 65. QxKt ch 66. B-K2 67. QxKt ch 68. B-K2 69. QxKt ch 70. B-K2 71. QxKt ch 72. B-K2 73. QxKt ch 74. B-K2 75. QxKt ch 76. B-K2 77. QxKt ch 78. B-K2 79. QxKt ch 80. B-K2 81. QxKt ch 82. B-K2 83. QxKt ch 84. B-K2 85. QxKt ch 86. B-K2 87. QxKt ch 88. B-K2 89. QxKt ch 90. B-K2 91. QxKt ch 92. B-K2 93. QxKt ch 94. B-K2 95. QxKt ch 96. B-K2 97. QxKt ch 98. B-K2 99. QxKt ch 100. B-K2



The most natural move in the world, but no more than the astonishment which greeted the instant reply, which in the end nets the exchange. 17..... Kt-K13 18..... Q-K3 19..... Q-K3 20..... Q-K3 21..... Q-K3 22..... Q-K3 23..... Q-K3 24..... Q-K3 25..... Q-K3 26..... Q-K3 27..... Q-K3 28..... Q-K3 29..... Q-K3 30..... Q-K3 31..... Q-K3 32..... Q-K3 33..... Q-K3 34..... Q-K3 35..... Q-K3 36..... Q-K3 37..... Q-K3 38..... Q-K3 39..... Q-K3 40..... Q-K3 41..... Q-K3 42..... Q-K3 43..... Q-K3 44..... Q-K3 45..... Q-K3 46..... Q-K3 47..... Q-K3 48..... Q-K3 49..... Q-K3 50..... Q-K3 51..... Q-K3 52..... Q-K3 53..... Q-K3 54..... Q-K3 55..... Q-K3 56..... Q-K3 57..... Q-K3 58..... Q-K3 59..... Q-K3 60..... Q-K3 61..... Q-K3 62..... Q-K3 63..... Q-K3 64..... Q-K3 65..... Q-K3 66..... Q-K3 67..... Q-K3 68..... Q-K3 69..... Q-K3 70..... Q-K3 71..... Q-K3 72..... Q-K3 73..... Q-K3 74..... Q-K3 75..... Q-K3 76..... Q-K3 77..... Q-K3 78..... Q-K3 79..... Q-K3 80..... Q-K3 81..... Q-K3 82..... Q-K3 83..... Q-K3 84..... Q-K3 85..... Q-K3 86..... Q-K3 87..... Q-K3 88..... Q-K3 89..... Q-K3 90..... Q-K3 91..... Q-K3 92..... Q-K3 93..... Q-K3 94..... Q-K3 95..... Q-K3 96..... Q-K3 97..... Q-K3 98..... Q-K3 99..... Q-K3 100..... Q-K3

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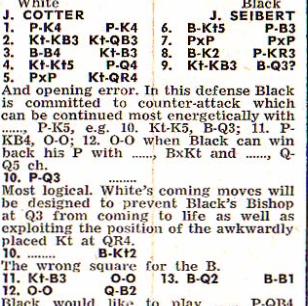
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PLAYERS ARE TAMPA-BOUND

RESHEVSKY WINS GLIGORIC MATCH

By drawing the tenth and final game, Reshevsky won his match with Gligoric 5½-4½ to confirm once again the fact that he remains the outstanding contender for the World Championship title in the world outside the Iron Curtain.

Reshevsky won the first and third game and lost the seventh; the others were drawn in a contest that lacked much of the excitement and interest of the match with Najdorf.

MANN TRIUMPHS IN CENTRAL OHIO

Walter Mann, former Ohio State Champion, was victorious in the 18 player round robin Championship for Columbus and Central Ohio, scoring 17-0 for a decisive victory. Second place went to Vadim Voskressensky with 14½-2½, while Robert Nimitz was third with 13½-3½ and Kurt L. Loening fourth with 13-4. Philip Rothman placed fifth with 11½-5½.

Voskressensky lost to Mann and drew with Nimitz, Bryant and John Pusecker. Nimitz lost to Mann and Donald Bryant, and drew with Voskressensky, Loening and George Hudson. Loening lost to Mann and Voskressensky, and drew with Nimitz and Lowell Ryan. Rothman lost to Mann, Voskressensky, Nimitz, Jerome Coxe and Hudson, and drew with Richard de Cracker.

KAUFMAN WINS CHGO CITY EVENT

Abraham Kaufman won the 20 player 6 round Swiss Championship staged by the Chicago City Chess League and the University of Illinois (Chicago) Chess Club at Navy Pier. Kaufman scored 5-1, drawing with W. Fedan and Clarence Moore. Second place with 4½-1½ went to the Ukrainian player W. Fedan who lost to Alexander Zujus and drew with Kaufman. Third to fifth on S-B points with equal 4-2 scores were Franz Neugebauer, A. Zujus, a Lithuanian arrival, and K. Venesaar.

IVES CAPTURES OKLA. COLLEGIATE

Alfred Ives of Stillwater took the Oklahoma Intercollegiate title with 4½-½ in the 6 player event at Oklahoma A & M College at Stillwater. Ives drew with runner-up Bob Virgin who scored 3½-1½, losing a game to Enn Arike. Arike placed third in a tie with Jack Isbell at 3-2 each. Arike lost games to Ives and Isbell, while Isbell lost to Ives and Virgin.

TORONTO TOPS QUEEN CITY

An invading Toronto team bested the Queen City Chess Club of Buffalo by 6-4 in a 10 board match. Scoring for Toronto were J. Despard, P. Avery, C. A. Crompton, W. Oaker and M. Fisher, while R. Boyer, Dr. F. R. Frucella and P. Greenough salvaged the points for Queen City. For Toronto F. R. Anderson and N. Glasberg drew respectively with R. T. Black and A. Vossler.

EVANS HAS LEAD IN LOS ANGELES

With eight games played in the Evans-Steiner match for the U. S. title, youthful Larry Evans leads by 6-2. Steiner won the second game and held draws in two of the others; Evans won five.

CALLIS TAKES KANSAS STATE

Victory in the Kansas State Championship went to young Jim Callis of Wichita with 4½-1½ in the 13 player 6 round Swiss event. Callis lost one game to runner-up Jasper Stull and drew with Oscar Maring. Second to sixth on S-B points with equal 4-2 scores were former State Champion J. Stull, O. Maring, former State Champion Carl Weberg, Hugo Teufel and Henry Amsden.

Stull lost to Maring and drew with Norman James and former State Champion Kirk Mechem. Maring lost to former State Champion A. R. Self and drew with Callis and Weberg. Weberg lost to Mechem and drew with Maring and James. Teufel lost to Stull and Weberg. Amsden lost to Callis and James.

BURGER WINS NO. CAR. OPEN

By one-half a S-B point Karl Burger edged out New York State Champion J. T. Sherwin also of Brooklyn, to win the North Carolina Open title at Wilmington with 5½-½. Right on his heels, James Sherwin also scored 5½-½ for second place. Allen Kaufman of New York City was third in the 26 player 6 round Swiss with 4½-1½. Fourth and fifth on S-B points with equal 4-2 scores were Marvin Rogan of Rochester and Ben Rudich of Charleston. Topping the players with 3½-2½ for sixth was Kit Crittenden of Raleigh, the ranking North Carolina player.

In winning Karl Burger drew with James Sherwin. Kaufman lost to A. G. Ashbrook and drew with Crittenden. Rogan lost to Burger and Sherwin. Rudich lost to Crittenden and drew with A. Pabon and A. Henry Gaede. Crittenden lost to Burger and Sherwin and drew with Kaufman.

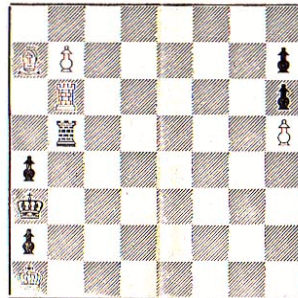
ROZSA TAKES TULSA U TITLE

In a 16 player round robin Dr. Bela Rozsa won the Tulsa (Okla.) University Championship 15-0. Bob Virgin placed second with 12-3, losing games to Rozsa, Melvin Johnson, and Bill Hine. C. I. Blanchard placed third with 11-4, losing to Rozsa, Virgin, Guy Rossi, and Franco Pasado. Tied for fourth with 9½-5½ each were Jack Wamsley, Melvin Johnson, and Guy Rossi.

MORGAN TAKES FLINT CITY

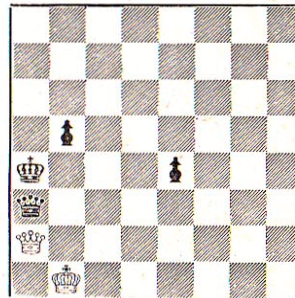
Laverne Morgan won the Flint (Mich.) City Championship 4-0 in a 5 player round robin. Janis Jurjevskis was second with 3-1, losing to Morgan, while Edward F. Muller placed third with 2-2, losing to Morgan and Jurjevskis.

Position No. 95
By Robert S. Brieger
Houston, Texas
First Publication



8, BP5p, 1R5p, 1r5r, p7, k7, p7, K7
White to play and win

Position No. 96
By Richard Kujoth
Milwaukee, Wis.
First Publication



8, 8, 8, 1p6, k3p3, q7, Q7, 1K6
White to play and draw

White To Play And Win!

Conducted by William Rojam

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POSITION No. 95 represents the recent composing venture of a young Houston player in which the key to victory lies in the correct analysis of a Pawn promotion. Despite White's piece plus and threat of Queening a Pawn, only very careful maneuvering prevents Black from gaining the victory.

Position No. 96 is an interesting study in which the inferior White forces draw by strategic maneuvering. The draw is not too easily gained against the best Black defense, and the position will therefore repay careful study.

For solutions please turn to Page four.

RUBINOW KEEPS HIS MASS. TITLE

In a 3 round Swiss event at Worcester, in which Sol Rubinstein faced up-state opponents who had not competed in the Massachusetts State event, Rubinstein emerged triumphant with 2½-½, besting Orlando Lester and Richard Gleason while drawing with Charles Henin.

Lester was second, while Henin and Wolk tied for third, and Gleason was fifth with equal 1½-1½ scores on S-B points. The results confirmed Rubinstein as Massachusetts State Champion.

APPOINT BATTELL TO COMMITTEE

USCF President Harold M. Phillips has appointed J. Straley Battell as secretary of the reorganized U.S. Championship Tournament Committee to fill the post left vacant by the resignation of USCF Vice President Hans Knoch. Mr. Battell's recognized ability and energy promises well for the future of the committee, which may now begin to undertake the fulfillment of some of the wishes of the USCF Board of Directors, sadly neglected in the past. Mr. Battell has long been active in chess, serving ably as Executive Editor of "Chess Review" in addition to conducting its large Postal Chess section and tournaments.

SHEETS TOPS IN PLAY-OFF

Although Charles Joachim placed first on S-B points in the Seattle City Championship, rules decreed a play-off; and Leonard Sheets scored 2-0 in this event to wrest the City title from Joachim.

FIELD DISPLAYS RARE CHESSMEN

Marshall Field & Company in Chicago is now displaying a small but most interesting collection of extremely old and valuable chess sets in the Stationary Dept. on the first floor. These carefully selected sets range from very old hand-carved ivory sets to valuable oddly designed imported ceramic sets of modern manufacture. One of the ancient Chinese handcarved sets, dated circa 1500 A.D., is undoubtedly a mate to the fine set owned by Vincent J. Southwick, of which a photograph was published in the June 5 issue of CHESS LIFE.

WVCA BULLETIN TAKES TO TYPE

The June issue of the West Virginia Chess Bulletin appears in a neat printed form on high-grade enamel-stock, becoming the second State Ass'n Bulletin to appear in printed form. The other is the Nebraska Chess Bulletin. There is a style and dignity to the printed page that multigraphing cannot equal, but the process is expensive, even with a friendly printer. We congratulate the West Virginia Chess Ass'n on the new format of its Bulletin and trust it can continue with the new form.

PETTIGREW WINS RICHMOND CITY

Victory in the Richmond (Va.) City Championship went to Thomas F. Pettigrew, University of Virginia Champion, with 4½-½ in a 6 player round robin. Runner-up was Eugene Wachspress with 4-1. William Tucker won the Class A title with 5-1, while Ed Weil triumphed in Class B with 6-0.

LIBERAL PRIZES SET FOR OPEN

The Tampa Tournament Committee, through chairman James B. Gibson, Jr., has announced a liberal scheme of prize awards. First prize will be \$500.00 and there will be at least sixty cash prizes, ranging from \$500.00 first prize to \$5.00 prizes for those in the lowest rank of prize winners. The prize awards are based on the total of \$1925.00 available for prize funds which the Tampa Committee has in large part already collected, according to Mr. Gibson. And if collections exceed the total set by the committee, as they may if registration of players exceeds anticipation, the prize awards will be increased accordingly.

In addition \$75.00 has been set aside for prize awards in the U. S. Women's Open Championship, which will be conducted concurrently with the U. S. Open event.

POMAR TRAVELS ON CHESS TOUR

Young International Master Pomar of Spain is on tour in the USA and Canada. At Montreal he defeated Montreal City Champion J. N. Williams in an exhibition game and drew an exhibition game at Ottawa with Dr. Fedor Bohatirchuk. Plans include visits to Saskatoon, Edmonton, Calgary, Winnipeg, Toronto and the Eastern Maritime cities, then Boston, New York, and the U. S. Open Championship at Tampa.

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EFIM BOGOLJUBOFF

ON June 17th Efim Bogoljuboff died at Triburg, Germany from a heart attack at the age of 65. Memorable as a player of exceeding skill, particularly noted for his dexterity in maneuvering his Knights, Bogoljuboff will be remembered for his exciting match for the world championship with Dr. Alekhine, if for no other reason. One of the last survivors of the Mannheim tourney, which was prematurely ended by the start of World War I, Bogoljuboff represented almost the last titan in the adventurous chess age of Alekhine, Rubinstein, Marshall, Tarrasch, and Lasker.

WHITE STONE OR BLACK?

Are we to mark this day with a white or a black stone?
Don Quixote—Cervantes

THERE is a day of decision that comes, whether we will it or not, to every human organization; and the future of that organization rests immutably upon the decision taken, sometimes lightly, sometimes soberly, upon that eventful day.

The U. S. Chess Federation is in no sense immune to the commands of fate, and so it must, too, face its day of decision when its Board of Directors meet in Tampa this July. The choice is basically simple: life or death. But the issues are so clouded with the confusions of men's thoughts that it will be easy to mistake the character of the choice, and nominate death under the delusion that death is life.

At stake in the decision that the Board must make (for there is no compromise available between such antagonistic issues) is the simple determination of the manner in which the Federation will be conducted in the future (if it has a future).

The way of life is a determination to reassert the principles upon which the Federation was founded. It is the way of democratic management in which the humblest member of the Federation is granted his right to express his thoughts and wishes. It is the way of progressive growth in which no group of chess players are permitted to gain exclusive prerogatives to certain tournaments or certain titles, but all players are permitted their opportunity to prove themselves eligible for entry in the most exclusive circles, provided that their talents are equal to the opportunity. It is a way in which the Federation belongs to the players and not to any select group of managers.

The way of death is a determination to return to the gilded age of political dominance by a small group and financial dependence upon the patronage of the few. It is the way of autocracy in which a few self-chosen leaders dictate what the chess player shall have and what he shall be denied. It is the way of decay in which select tournaments and titles are reserved as the special property of a chosen few and into this charmed circle only the fortunate can enter. It is the way in which the Federation becomes the private property of a moneyed bloc—a clique which determines who shall play in what events, irrespective of the wishes of the chess players at large.

These are the choices; the Board must make the selection, and having made it, hope that its judgment was wise.

But even if the Board of Directors chooses wisely (and let us not suggest otherwise before the event), the way of life can still lead into the way of death.

Affirmative action by the Board alone can solve no problems; it requires the united support of all chess players to make the way of life for the Federation a vital way. If chess players wish for a strong organization to stage tournaments, to promote chess events, to advertise chess everywhere, to make the USA respected in international tours, then chess players must support the Federation with their loyalty, their efforts and their contributions. No cause succeeds without the willing efforts of thousands of supporters; and chess alone cannot flaunt the natural laws that control success.

Do you want to mark this day with a White stone or a Black?

Montgomery Major

The Reader's Road To Chess

By Kester Svendsen

DEUTSCHE SCHACHBLÄTTER, vol. 36, Jan.-Dec. 1951. Edited by Kurt Richter. Leipzig: Hans Hedewigs. 192 pp., many diags. & illus.

Deutsche Schachblätter, is one of the best European monthlies. Each 16-page issue offers a lead article on a major tournament, match or player, at least a dozen annotated games, news, problems, endings, obituaries, and analysis. Emphasis falls, naturally, on German games;

but all major tournaments are represented, many of them more fully than is possible in American periodicals. Foreign chess journals are especially valuable to postal players and others interested in Continental analysis. Richter, the most engaging of German journalists, produces a highly varied and closely packed little magazine, with contributions from Euwe, Teschner, Rellstab, Samisch, and others.

FIRST BOOK OF CHESS. By I. A. Horowitz and Fred Reinfeld. New York: Sterling Publishing Co. 126 pp., 314 diagrams, 14 illus. \$2.

Here is a hard-back reprint of Let's Play Chess, reviewed in this column some time ago. Only the sections at the end, "Recommended Reading" and "Chess Masters" are omitted from the original publication.

THEORIE DER SCHACH-ERÖFFNUNGEN. By Dr. Max Euwe. Vols. IV-V in one. Berlin-Frohnau: Siegfried Engelhardt. 152 pp., numerous diags.

The three preceding volumes of this latest 12-piece overhaul by the indefatigable Euwe dealt with the Orthodox, Cambridge Springs, Slav, Tarrasch, Albin, and other defenses to the Queen's Gambit. In the present two-in-one volume are the Indians: Nimzo, King's, Queen's, Grunfeld, Bogol, etc. Euwe's system in treating the half-open game is a model of methodical analysis: main lines first, then variants, with constant citation of master practice and evaluation. Not for beginners, but a most useful supplement to and extension of the standard books on openings.

Mate The Subtle Way!

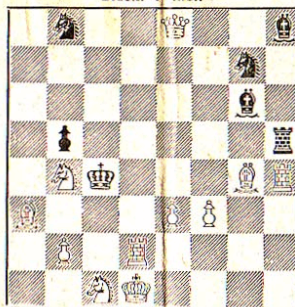
by Vincent L. Eaton

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GODFREY HEATHCOTE, England's greatest composer, died on April 24, in his eighty-second year. To the British Chess Problem Society, whose active President he was, we extend our deepest sympathies.

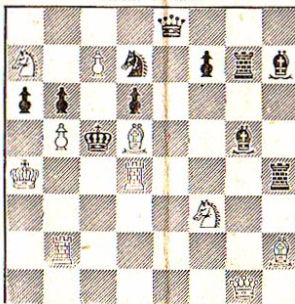
Mr. Heathcote's composing activities spread over a period of sixty-six years, beginning in 1886, when he was a boy of sixteen. Of his work, which was characterized by uncompromising artistry and dazzling profundity, Alain White wrote in the introduction to Chess Idylls (1918), a collection of Heathcote's best problems: "Heathcote is an English composer, through and through, developed by genius, study and instinct to the very highest place among the composers of England and to one of the highest places among the composers of the world . . . Restraint is so inbred that he dismisses without a thought anything that might lead away from his ideals . . . His language is the model mate, and he combines his mates, if we consider them as words, into great sentences which express the truths of the chess-board with a vigor and majesty, with a serious beauty which are indeed a joy for ever. Above his mere words, above the details of the model mates, there rolls the music and accent of poetry, all the intricacies of his play, the keys, the sacrifices, the pause of the quiet continuation, a thousand and one elements leading up to the sheer beauty of the mates . . ."

Problem No. 343
By R/Dr. Horacio L. Musante
Buenos Aires, Argentina
First Publication
Black: 7 men



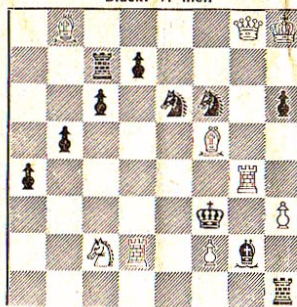
White: 11 men
1s2Q2b, 6s1, 6b1, 1p5r, 1s5k3BR, B3PP2,
1P1R1, 2SK4
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 345
By L. Loshinsky
2nd Prize, "Trud"
1947
Black: 11 men



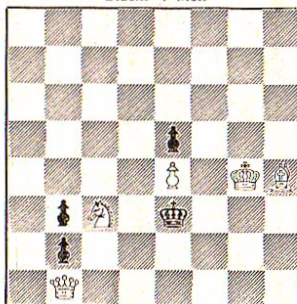
White: 10 men
4q3, S1Pslrb, p1p1d, 1Pb2b1, K2R3r,
6S2, 1t5B, 6Q1
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 344
By S. Breher
2nd Hon. Men. German Chess
Federation Tourney, 1949
Black: 11 men



White: 9 men
1B4QK, 2r4, 2p1s1p, 1p3B2,
1sR1, 5k1P, 2S1R1Ph, 7r
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 346
By Godfrey Heathcote
"Reading Observer"
1904
Black: 4 men



White: 5 men
8, 8, 8, 4p3, 4P1KB, 1pS1k3, 1p6, 1Q6
White mates in three moves

For solutions to previously published problems, please turn to page four.

University of Minnesota played host to Arturo Pomar at a 32-board simultaneous exhibition, and the young Spanish master won 25, drew 3 and lost four against the students and faculty. Those who won from Pomar were Leon Festinger, William Jones, Howard Gross and Sheldon Rein.

Shreveport Chess Club won a match from the newly organized SSC Chess Club of Magnolia, Ark. by 8½-3½. Scoring for Shreveport were Wyatt Jones, Crew, Dupree, Wrenn, Feldman and Harris, while Staser, Markowitz and Fiebler salvaged points for Magnolia.

Chess Life In New York

By Eliot Hearst

SAMMY Reshevsky has once again proven himself to be one of the top match players in the world (if not the very best, as many believe!) as a result of his convincing 5½-4½ victory over Svetozar Gligorich of Yugoslavia. The closeness of the score does not indicate the American's all-around superiority, for he won the overwhelming position he obtained in the seventh game, instead of committing one of his infrequent blunders in time pressure, his edge would have been more apparent. In reality, Gligorich never convincingly outplayed his opponent in any of the games; he managed to keep the score close by drawing all the games in which he had white and swindling that eventful seventh encounter. A surprising fact about this match is that, despite being eight games shorter than the Najdorf-Reshevsky struggle, there were more draws recorded—seven in this more recent match as compared to six in the eighteen game preceding contest. All these observations only to reiterate our comment in a previous issue that Gligorich was not out to get Reshevsky in the same ferocious manner as Najdorf was.

The seventh game, as mentioned above, was doubtless the most interesting of the ten-game struggle. Reshevsky played truly beautifully, taking advantage of one of Gligorich's few attempts at aggressive chess in the match, and by means of several incisive combination moves emerged a pawn ahead with ample time (for Reshevsky!) to make the control. However, the spectators were "treated" to the unusual spectacle of seeing the former boy prodigy make a tremendous error; he allowed a simple rook move which won a full knight. Reshevsky banged his fist on the table softly as if mentally kicking himself for such a blunder, and grit his teeth in determination, but could not holdout long thereafter. As soon as the contest was terminated, Gligorich, displaying the sportsmanship which makes him so popular wherever he goes, readily praised Reshevsky's fine play and seemed almost apologetic to his opponent for being forced to take advantage of that monumental mistake!

The day after the conclusion of the match, Gligorich flew back to his homeland and New York chess returned to normal: with his departure all the foreign masters who participated in the Havana tournament are now out of United States chess circles again—but not for too long, we all hope!

In Brief: One of the saddest stories to come out of the New York chess world has just been written. Nicholas Rossolimo, French master, who only three months ago emigrated to the U. S. and was reunited with his father, who had lived in Greenwich Village for quite a few years, was shocked by his parent's death on June 12. His many friends and admirers here sympathize with his tragic loss . . . The Milton Finkelsteins recently announced the birth of a son, David Robert Finkelstein. The elder Finkelstein, it will be remembered, used to conduct the Chess Life in New York column . . . Manhattan C. C. rapids every Friday night under the direction of its new secretary, Hans Kmoch, are divided into two different groups, A and B, with cash prizes in both, and are attracting many more entrants than ever before.

Mercantile Library Chess Ass'n (Philadelphia) has moved from its former quarters to 928 Spruce Street. It is planned to keep open as many evenings as possible and also on Sundays and Holidays—an improvement over the time restrictions in the old quarters.

Res Caissae

By Guilherme Groesser

Pocket Chess Sets are invaluable to the player who likes to dabble in problems or check positions, as well as have a set handy in the pocket for an unexpected game of chess away from the chess club. Your reviewer, being a problemist at heart, owns five such sets which are usually all in use. Best in years as an inexpensive value is the \$1.00 pocket folder-type set manufactured by Kingsway. The case and board are flexible leatherette; the pieces (chess and checkers on reverse) are heavy flat plastic, red and black on white. Although Kingsway is famous for its Florentine style sets, the figures on the pocket-set are the conventional diagram figures. A novel feature is the flange construction of the pieces which locks them into their positions on the board so they will not shake out—the flaw in most folder-type pocket chess sets. Almost all large stores carry these sets, if they sell chess equipment at all; if not they are available from **Kingsway Florentine Chessmen, Inc., 555 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois.**

With The Chess Clubs

Downtown YMCA (St. Louis, Mo.) Chess Club saw the club title go to Lewis W. Haller with 9-2, while Harry A. Lew and W. H. C. Newberry tied for second with 8½-2½ each. Frederic S. Anderson and Raymond Vollmar tied for fourth in the 12 player round robin with 8-3. Haller lost games to Lew and Anderson; Lew lost to Newberry and Eugene J. Roesch while drawing with Anderson; and Newberry lost to Haller and Anderson while drawing with Vollmar.

Asheville (N.C.) Chess Club has announced a program of summer tournaments, including a Wood-pusher's event, a Junior Championship, and the first annual City Championship. The need for a Junior event in the program merely highlights the excellent work done by an Asheville club member in teaching chess to juniors.

Columbus (Ohio) YMCA Chess Club defeated Kenyon College 3-2 with Loening, Cox and Platau scoring for Columbus while Hardy and Knapp tallied the wins for Kenyon. Hardy downing former Ohio State Champion Walter Mann on board one.

Austin Chess & Checker Club (Chicago) saw members Paul Adams, Edward Buerger and John Nowak score in a tandem exhibition against club members; only four could score victories against the trio.

Racine (Wis.) Chess Club championship was won by Emelian J. Mack with 6-1 in the 13 player 7 round Swiss. Mack lost a game to Art Domskey who finished second with 5½-1½, losing a game to Rudy B. Kunz and drawing with Edwin H. Poetschke. Rudy Kunz was third with 5-2, losing games to Mack and Dan Anderson. Fourth to sixth on S-B points with equal 4-3 scores were Dan Anderson, Frank J. Buttenhoff, and Bernard A. Gill.

University of Chicago Chess Club title went to James C. Phillips, former New Mexico champion, with 5-0 in the 6 player round robin. Second was Richard Greenbaum of New York with 4-1, losing a game to Phillips, while Robert A. Lux of Chicago placed third with 2-3, losing to Phillips and Greenbaum, while drawing with Martin L. Leibowitz and Edward C. Posner.

Lexington (Ky.) Chess Club saw Fred E. Payne win the club championship 4½-½ in a round 13 player Swiss. Payne drew with George E. Anderson. Second with 4-1 was George Foster who lost to E. S. Dabney. In third place was G. E. Anderson who drew with Payne but lost to Foster for 3½-1½. A. Dudley Roberts, who won the 1952 Kentucky State Championship, finished 12th with 1½-3½.

Rapid City (So. Dak.) Chess Club tournament ended in a victory for M. F. Anderson who scored 23-3 in a 14 player double round robin. Anderson lost games to Brownhill, E. M. Welling, and Jerry Rise. PFC James Ellis of Rapid City AFB was second with 22-4, losing two games to Anderson and one each to Brownhill and Mills. Stanley M. Brownhill was third with 21½-4½. S-Sgt. Ellis Mills placed fourth with 20-6.

Downtown (Pittsburgh) Y Chess Club championship ended in a triple tie for the title between Paul L. Dietz, high school student Aba Leiter, and F. A. Sorenson with 7½-2½ each. Dietz led all the way but tumbled in a last round encounter, losing to Dan Miscovic; he drew with David Hamburger, Wm. Byland, and R. Taylor. Leiter lost to Dietz and Sorenson, and drew with Byland. Sorenson lost to Dietz, and drew with Hamburger, D. Spiro, and John Hobbs. David Hamburger placed fourth in the 11 player round robin with 6-4.

Santa Monica Bay (Calif.) Chess Club's "B" Tournament ended in a 10½-½ victory for Melvin Hausner, who drew one game with Dick O'Bryan. Dan Hood was second with 8½-2½, losing games to Hausner and Edwards and drawing with Maurice Donath. Ed Edwards was third with 7½-3½.

Sacramento (Calif.) Chess Club has moved into improved quarters at the Sacramento Turn Verein, 3349 Jay Street. The new quarters are private from the Turn Verein activities, but sandwiches and beer are available to the players from the club room downstairs.

CHESS IS HOBBY AT HUNTINGTON

When the first Hobby Show was held this year at Huntington (W. Va.) alert chess-players saw to it that a complete chess booth was included. The response was gratifying, particularly from the young people, and despite the attraction of many other exhibits the chess display held its own in popularity.

ANNAPOLIS "A" TOPS MD. LEAGUE

The Annapolis "A" team won the Maryland Chess League title 7-1 in matches with 29½ points scored in games. Second was the Maryland Chess Club of Baltimore with 7-1 in matches but only 27½ in games. Third place went to John Hopkins University "A" team with 6-2 and 26½. Annapolis lost its match to Maryland Chess; and Maryland Chess succumbed to John Hopkins, while John Hopkins lost its matches to Annapolis and to City College High School of Baltimore.

Highest individual scorers were R. C. Simpson of Annapolis with 7½-½ and G. W. Hardman of John Hopkins with 7-1, both playing on board one. The Annapolis "A" team, which also won in 1951, consisted of R. C. Simpson, R. P. Bailey, G. A. Lyle, W. F. Yocum, and W. S. Shields, with E. S. Mayer and O. M. Thomas serving as pinch-hitters.

MARYLAND CHESS LEAGUE		
Final Standings, 1952		
1. Annapolis "A"	7-1	29½
2. Maryland Chess Club (Baltimore)	7-1	27½
3. John Hopkins University "A"	6-2	26½
4. Loyola College (Baltimore)	5-3	21½
5. University of Maryland	3½-4½	20
6. City College High School (Baltimore)	3-4	18
7. Evergreen Chess Club (Baltimore)	2-6	12½
8. Annapolis "B"	1½-6½	15½
9. John Hopkins University "B"	1-7	7

How the Rating System Works

By KENNETH HARKNESS
USCF Rating Statistician

(Kenneth Harkness, co-author of "An Invitation to Chess" and author of "Invitation to Bridge," is the inventor of the mathematical rating system adopted by the USCF to rank American chessplayers. In this series, Mr. Harkness explains the mechanics of the system.—The Editor.)

THE use of median values to represent the average strength of tournaments is one of the latest refinements of the rating system. As another example, we give below the results of the 1951 Pittsburgh Metropolitan Championship:

1 Paul Deitz	2269	4-5	Aba Leiter	1750
2 John Hobbs	2010	6	Bernard Berger	1702
3 Richard Taylor	1922	7	Wm. Hamilton	1702
4-5 J. G. Waltz	1785			

The sum of the ratings divided by the number of contestants (13,143 divided by 7) gives 1878 as the average; but a player who made an even score in this company would not be entitled to such a high rating. The distortion is caused by the presence of one highly-rated expert among two Class A and four Class B players. In such cases, a median value is more accurate.

Since there is an odd number of contestants, one rating is at the middle of the list. Waltz' 1785 is lower than the top three and higher than the bottom three. However, one player's rating in such a small group may be off center, so we find a better median value by averaging the three middle ratings. Thus, we add the figures 1922, 1785 and 1750 (the ratings of Taylor, Waltz and Leiter) for a total of 5,457, and divide by 3 to get an average of 1818 points for this tournament.

In the two examples given so far, the players finished in almost exact accordance with their ratings. This is unusual, to say the least; in most tournaments the competitors are not so obliging. In effect, players with established ratings below the Grandmaster level are in the same class when their ratings are within 200 points of each other. In any tournament, therefore, it is not surprising when a player finishes ahead of competitors with higher ratings, provided they are all in the same class. Even if a player comes in above or below his class, there are many possible explanations for this unexpected result. For instance, the tournament report may be incorrect or incomplete. (If points scored for byes and defaults are not marked clearly as such, the reported results are no indication of playing ability.) Or a player may have performed temporarily above or below his normal strength for one reason or another. And of course, a player's rating may be either out of date or defective.

If a player is over-rated or under-rated, to judge by his performance in a tournament, the rating he gets for his score will tend to correct the error, if any, in his previous rating. Eventually, his average rating will portray his competitive ability more accurately. However, when estimating the average strength of a tournament, we cannot be governed by the results achieved by rated players unless there is an obvious error that requires correction by dropping a player's rating from the calculations. (It is rarely necessary to do this, especially since adopting median values which prevent distortions caused by errors in the ratings of players near the top or bottom of the scale.) No matter what the results may be, we base our estimate of a tournament's strength on the previous ratings of the competitors.

1 Rosenblum	2323	10	Rogan	2019
2 Hearst	2210	11	Schwartz	2012
3 Wachs	2210	12	Ricard	2010
4 Sherwin	2182	13	Boach	1963
5 Mechner	2133	14	Cotter	1945
6 Hickman	2091	15	Harkins	1929
7 Critchenden	2059	16	Kaufman	1902
8 Burger	2051	17	Mayer	1842
9 Sobel	2027	18	Lichtenstein	1777
10		19	Minck	1715
21 Elmenhorst		20	Gibbons	
22 Howard		21	Haines	
23		22		

The rated entries are ranked according to their previous ratings, not in the order they finished. However, we must rely on the results of the tournament to determine the positions of the unrated players. Since Rosenblum made a plus score, he is placed in the top half of the list. The other four unrated players made minus scores, so they are placed in the bottom half.

Naturally, if we were ranking these players for any purpose other than finding the median value of this contest, we would not place Rosenblum at the head of the list; nor would we place Elmenhorst, Gibbons, Howard and Haines at the bottom. We do not know exactly where the unrated entries belong, but we assume that Rosenblum should be in the upper half because he made a plus score, and the others in the lower half because they made minus scores. Their exact locations are not important.

Having placed the unrated entries in the upper and lower divisions, we compute the median value in the usual way. Since there is an odd number of entries, we average the three central ratings (11, 12 and 13). Adding 2012, 2010 and 1963, we get a total of 5985; then we divide this amount by 3 to get the median value of 1995 points.

1 Weaver W. Adams	2237	11	Golden Gate Chess Club	5½-4½	28-14
2 Eliot Hearst	2206	12	Hakoah Chess Club	4-2	20-21½
3-4 Dr. A. A. Mengarini	2292	13	U. Alto Chess Club	2-3	18-24
5 E. T. McCormick	2000	14	Russian Chess Club	3-5½	17½-24½
6 Homer W. Jones Jr.	2146				
7 Karl Burger	2041				
8 F. S. Howard	2213				
9 J. P. Quillen	2053				
10 Ralph Hurlten	2188				
11 Saul Yarmak	2021				
12 George Partos	1990				

To find the median value of this tournament, we rank the entries in the order of their ratings:

1 Howard	2313	11	Golden Gate Chess Club	5½-4½	28-14
2 Hearst	2206	12	Hakoah Chess Club	4-2	20-21½
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6 Jones	2146				
7 Quillen	2053				
8 Burger	2041				
9 Yarmak	2021				
10 McCormick	2000				
11 Partos	1990				

Again there is an odd number of players, so one rating is at the middle of the list. To get a more representative figure, we take the average of the fifth, sixth and seventh entries. Thus, we add 2188, 2146

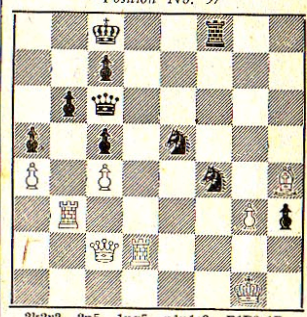
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What's The Best Move?

By Guilherme Groesser

Position No. 97



2k2r2, 2p5, 1p95, 0p1s3, P1P2s1B, 1R4Pp, 2Q4R4, 6K1
Black to Play

Send solutions to Position No. 97 to the Editor, CHESS LIFE, by August 5, 1952.

Solution to Position No. 94

Nonchalantly our solvers declared this position simple, but almost half of them failed to avoid all the pitfalls in a position that rightly won 1st Prize in La Petrie Suisse, 1934-35 and was composed by the great master Henri Rinck. The solution is 1. B-B6ch, P-Kt4; 2. K-R2, QxKt (not 2. ... QxQpCh; P-Kt3 ch, QxP ch; 4. Kt-Q5, K-Kt2, P-Q5; 6. Kt-K4, P-Q6; 7. BxP mate); 3. B-B3! (zugzwang! Black threatened QxKtP ch and stalemate, Q-KB7; 4. B-K5, Q-K8; 5. P-Kt3 ch and 6. BxQ mate.

An immediate 1. K-R2, suggested by some solvers, is answered by 1. ... K-K4, and Black can no longer be trapped. Other almost correct solutions began with 1. B-B6 ch, P-Kt4, but went astray on the second move. For 2. B-Q5 is answered by 2. ... Q-Q8 ch; 3. K-R2, Q-R8 ch and stalemate. And 2. Kt-B4, QxQp; 3. Kt-Kt6 ch, K-Kt6; 4. B-K5 ch, Q-B5; 5. Kt-Q5, P-R5, etc. is only draws. Also 2. P-Kt3 ch, K-R6 is fruitless because White cannot play 3. Kt-B4 ch and 3. BxP is answered by 3. ... QxP ch and mate on the next move. We will however grant ½ point to all who found 1. B-B6 and went astray thereafter.

Correct solutions are acknowledged received from: G. M. Banker (Kansas City), J. E. Comstock (Pulaski), C. E. Dieson (No. Tonawanda), Dr. J. M. Erman (Detroit), J. Faucher (New Haven), D. Garver (Lake George), E. Gault (New Brighton), C. Joachim (Seattle), A. Kaufman (Chicago), J. Kaufman (Beverly Hills), P. Klobe (West Haven), E. J. Kozpanty (Woodside), D. Knuppel (New York), R. A. McCallister (Hackensack), Dr. J. Melnick (Portland), E. Nash (Washington), F. J. Skoff (Joliet), H. C. Underwood (Washington), W. B. Wilson (Amherstburg).

Half-points are awarded to: C. B. Cook (Pt. Worth), K. Lay (Ripon), D. C. McDaniel (Los Angeles), J. Morgan (Tahlequah), F. J. Valvo (Guilderland Center), D. A. Walsdorf, Jr. (New Orleans), A. L. Welsh (Battle Creek), E. F. Muller (Flint), H. Kurek (Morton Grove), N. P. Witting (Salem).

It might be noted that 1. B-B6 ch, P-Kt4; 2. B-B3 at once is not the same ultimate position by transposition; the important difference is that Black has the move at the critical moment. Also 1. B-B6, P-Kt4; 2. Kt-Q5 is answered by Q-B3ch; 3. K-R2, QxP ch; 4. KxQ stalemate.

GOLDEN GATE TOPS FRISCO B

In the "B" Division of the San Francisco Chess League the new Golden Gate Chess Club rode to victory with 5½-½ in matches and 28-14 in games. Second was Hakoah Chess Club with 4-2 and 20½-21½.

In the "A" Division one match remains to be played, but regardless of the outcome, Mechanics Institute will gain the title, having a 7-0 match score to date and with no rival in striking distance.

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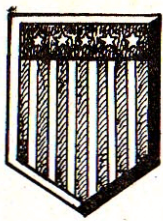
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3. U. Alto Chess Club	2-3	18-24
4. Russian Chess Club	3-5½	17½-24½



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76 PLAYERS VIE IN OPEN

Tampa Draws Strong Chess Field; Two Rounds Name No Favorites

With 13 players scoring 2-0 and 11 players tallying 1½-½ in the two opening rounds of play, the U. S. Open remains anybody's battle at this stage. Tied at 2-0 each are Spanish Master Pomar, U. S. Champion Evans, former U. S. Champion Steiner, Byrne, Hearst, Burger, Sherwin, Jones, McCormick, LeCornu, Brasket, Fischheimer, Carlyle. With 1½-½ each, a step behind are Cuban player Florido, Santasiere, Byland, Koelsche, Ludwig, Canadian player Haley, Pilnick, Magee, Rohland, Mager, Brieger.

Among those with lesser scores who cannot be considered out of the running are the strong Canadian player Zalys, Mengarini, and Donovan. Other strong players in the event include Colon and Cintron from Puerto Rico, Isaacs, Spiller, Fink, Crittenden, Van Sweden, Daly, Hurltlen, Sharp, Bills and Mednis.

A breakdown on the States represented is not yet available, but names can be recognized from Maine to California, showing that this Open is as representative as any ever held, while Cuba, Canada and Puerto Rico are represented. Among the strong male entry the name of Mrs. Gregor Pitagorsky stands out as the sole feminine challenger to masculine superiority.

Board Adopts Promotion Plan

Details are not yet available, but the USCF Board of Directors has adopted an important program of promotion which is designed to make the USA chess conscious. The plan envisions consistent promotion throughout the year as well as a continuous membership drive on a scale hitherto never attempted.

FORM FEDERATION IN CALIFORNIA

After several false starts over the years, California has at last organized a California State Chess Federation which promises to become a permanent organization of vital force in regulating and developing chess in California where the game already has an unusually firm foothold despite lack of any state organization.

The Board of Directors has been elected, and this Board will elect the officers and appoint a committee to prepare a constitution. Members of this Board are: Guthrie McClain (San Francisco), Neil T. Austin (Sacramento), George B. Oakes (Salinas), Herman Steiner (Los Angeles), John Keckhut (Los Angeles), George Croy (Banning), Cecil R. Bates (La Mesa), A. L. Ritz (Eureka), and A. E. Hoercher (Shell Beach). Guthrie McClain was chosen temporary chairman.

Details are not yet settled, but in the future the CSCF will sponsor the North-South Match, California State Championship, all team matches within and between the existing chess leagues, and a number of other events. Dues have not been set, but will include subscription to the California Chess Reporter which becomes the official CSCF publication; and formal affiliation with the U. S. Chess Federation will be subject to study as soon as the details of organization are completed.

MARTIN TAKES CALIF. SPEED

Former California State Champion Ray Martin of Santa Monica won the California Rapid Transit Championship 22-3 in a gruelling tournament at San Luis Obispo in which 29 players were entered. Sven Almgren of Los Angeles was second with 20½-4½, while Irving Rivise of Los Angeles placed third with 20-5. Fourth was shared by Hyman Gordon of Los Angeles and Lionel Joyner of Long Beach with 19½-5½ each.

ADVANCE ENTRIES SHOW STRENGTH

Advance entries in the U. S. Open Championship at Tampa reflect the strong field that distinguishes every U. S. Open. Among the early birds registered are Spanish Master Arturito Pomar, U. S. Champion Larry Evans, and former U. S. Champion Herman Steiner.

Other noted players include Anthony E. Santasiere, Eliot Hearst, James T. Sherwin, Jeremiah H. Donovan and Edmar Mednis from New York; Edgar T. McCormick, Ralph Hurltlen, Ivan Romanenko, E. Forry Laucks, and Fred Bergols from New Jersey; William M. Byland from Pittsburgh; Alfred Ludwig from Nebraska; Lewis J. Isaacs and K. R. Jones from Illinois; Leon Stolzenberg from Detroit; and Frank Graves from Texas.

Puerto Rico will be represented by a strong group headed by Rafael Cintron, Paul Reissman, Miguel Colon, Ledo Pablo and Jose Santiago Lavandero. Canada will send Ignas Zalys, P. G. Haley, Gordon L. Weaver and probably former Canadian Champion Maurice Fox and Canada's promising junior player Ross Siemms.

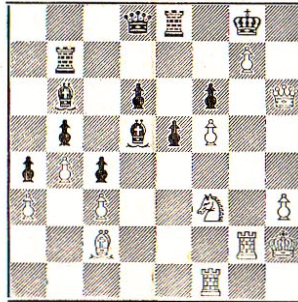
Cuba and Central America have also promised strong delegations, and a host of eminent U. S. players will appear at the last minute without advance registration.

HELSINKI TEAM MEMBERS NAMED

USCF President Harold M. Phillips has announced the names of five players appointed to represent the USA at the International Team Match at Helsinki, Finland on August 10 through August 31. Those nominated are Hans Berliner (Washington, D.C.), Arthur Bisguier (New York), Robert Byrne (New York), Samuel Reshevsky (New York), and Herman Steiner (Los Angeles, Calif.). Of these, Reshevsky and Steiner represented the USA at the last team tourney at Dubrovnik in 1950 where the U. S. Team placed fourth. Other members of the 1950 team were Larry Evans, I. A. Horowitz, George Shainswit, and George Kramer.

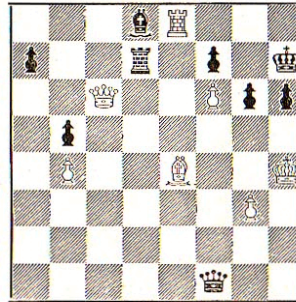
A sixth member of the U. S. team (four players and two alternates) will be named within the next ten days. Alexander Bisno of Beverly Hills, Calif. has been appointed Team Manager.

Position No. 85
E. Nash vs. V. Eaton
Washington, D. C., 1952



3qr1k1, 1r4P1, 1b1p1q1, 1p1bp2, pPp5,
P1P2S1P, 2B3RK, SR2
White to play and win

Position No. 86
G. Stoltz vs. S. Tartakower
Bled, 1931



3br3, p2r1p1k, 2Q2Ppp, 1p6, 1P2B2K,
6P1, 8, 5q2
White to play and win

Finish It The Clever Way!

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POSITION No. 85, between two CHESS LIFE columnists, which occurred in the District of Columbia Championship Tournament, Black resigned after White's first problem-like move. After resigning, Black said he had expected the less pretty winning continuation: 1. Q-R8 ch, K-K2; 2. P-K18(Q)ch, RxQ; 3. Q-R7 ch, K-B1; 4. RxR ch, BxR; 5. QxR, etc.

In Position No. 86, White forced mate in six, as Black was loath to give up material disastrously.

CORRECTION: In Position No. 83 (June 20th), the White Queen should be on Q4.

For solutions, please turn to Page six.

EASTMAN REGAINS MICHIGAN TITLE

Playing sturdy and steady chess, George Eastman of Detroit regained the Michigan State title in a 47 player 8 round Swiss event at Battle Creek, scoring 7-1, with draws conceded to Leon Stolzenberg and Avids Zirnis. Dr. William Henkin of Mt. Clemens placed second with 6½-1½, losing to Eastman and drawing with Stolzenberg.

Third to fifth on S-B points with equal 6-2 scores were Leonids Dreibergs of Saginaw, Leon Stolzenberg of Detroit, and Robert Uhlmann of Grand Rapids. Sixth to eighth on S-B points with equal 5½-2½ scores were Avids Zirnis of Grand Rapids, John E. Thomas of Ferndale, and Norman Zemke of Detroit. The last was the ranking junior player in the event.

Stolzenberg, a former state champion, drew with Eastman and Henkin while losing to Dreibergs. Dreibergs, a recent arrival from Europe, lost to Eastman and Henkin. Robert Uhlmann lost also to Eastman and to Stolzenberg. For number of contestants and general strength of the field, it was one of the most impressive State Tournaments in recent years in Michigan.

WASHINGTON SET FOR B.C. MATCH

The annual international match between Washington and British Columbia will be held on August 10 at Seven Cedars Pavilion (two miles north of city limits of Mount Vernon, Wash.) at 1:00 p.m. P.S.T. Last year the event was held at Blaine in the International Park and drew 108 players. This year plans are set for a bigger and better match than ever.

NORTH DEFEATS SO. CALIF. TEAM

In the annual North vs. South California match victory went to the Northern players by 32-27—a much closer score than that of last year's event. The match at San Luis Obispo began at 11 a.m. and lasted until 6 p.m., but the anticipated match for the club championship failed to materialize when Hollywood Chess Club was unable to field a representative team as Los Angeles County Champions against Mechanics Institute of San Francisco.

This historic event has been won by the North 11 times, by the South 5 times and been a tie 3 times; and statistician Wm. P. Barlow in the California Chess Reporter states that 574 boards have been played in the 19 encounters (not counting a secondary 20-board match in 1947) with the North scoring 310½ to the South's total of 263½ points. 68 players have qualified for pins specially awarded to those who have participated in five or more of the matches.

SNEIDERS TOPS LANSING CITY

Edgar Sneider, a recent arrival from Latvia, won the Lansing City Championship. Sneider, since arrival in Lansing, has been undefeated in team matches, playing board one for Lansing, and was a strong contender in the Michigan State Championship of 1951. Second place went to Rabbi Alfred L. Friedman, who narrowly missed the title, but lost the crucial game to Sneider.

Edward Johnson won the "B" Tourney with Franke Foote, Jr. and Harry Emerick tied for second. In the "C" event, Ronald Dodge won every game for first place, and Gerald Noll was second.

ELO CAPTURES MILWAUKEE CO.

Arpad E. Elo, who on the basis of his over-all record has predominated Milwaukee and Wisconsin chess, finished ahead of a strong field of 41 entrants for the annual championship of Milwaukee County, scoring 7½-½. Elo won from Philip Coverdale, George Hurley, Dr. O. M. J. Wehrley, Dan Clark, Ralph Abrams, Milwaukee Champion John Grkavac, and Averill Powers, while drawing with Kalman Farkas, a relative newcomer to Milwaukee chess.

Second place in the 8 round Swiss was won by Marshall Rohland, closely followed by Ralph Abrams in third and Averill Powers in fourth position. Each scored 6-2 and position was determined by weighted score count. Fifth and sixth positions were shared by two of Milwaukee's youngest stars, Gerald Rutz and Jack Geisenfeld.

A large influx of younger players, graduates of Milwaukee's famed chess teaching program, made their weight felt in this event. Included were Rohland, Wisconsin State Junior Champion Rutz, Geisenfeld, Frank Inbusch, Orville Francisco, James Forcica, Paul Handt, Hugh Goddard and Coverdale. The tournament was sponsored for the 18th consecutive season by the Milwaukee Recreational Department.

EVANS KEEPS MATCH LEAD

By winning one game and drawing the other at Las Vegas, Larry Evans retains a commanding lead in his match with Herman Steiner for the U. S. Championship title. The score is now 10-4 in favor of the youthful U. S. Champion. The remaining games of the match will be postponed until fall, as both Evans and Steiner plan to play in the U. S. Open Championship at Tampa.

HUGHES TAKES NEW BRUNSWICK

Walter G. Hughes won the New Brunswick title at the Admiral Beatty Hotel with 5½-½ in a 6 round Swiss, drawing with runner-up Maurice Elman in the second round. Elman scored 5-1, drawing also with his son, Danny Elman in the first round. John Lederer was third with 4-2, and Danny Elman, a Dalhousie U student, placed fourth with 3-3. In last year's event Maurice Elman and John Lederer tied for first.

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WHAT ABOUT SALTZJOBADEN?

TIME grows short as the 1952 World Championship Interzonal Tournament is scheduled for Saltzjobaden, Sweden from September 14 to October 14, 1952. FIDE Zone 4 (The United States) is entitled to designate two players as qualified to enter this Interzonal event, since no Zonal Tournament was held in 1951.

But, to date, no announcement has been issued regarding what players shall be deemed worthy of representing the USA in this most important tournament which will qualify the fortunate ranking players for participation in the next World Championship Candidates' Tournament.

Since the players selected will need to finance their own expenses to this epic chess contest, it is only just that their appointments should be made public sufficiently in advance to permit them to collect funds. Our Canadian neighbors, more alert to the necessities of tournament finances, have already undertaken in Canadian Chess Chat a campaign to raise funds on behalf of the designated Canadian player, Povilas Vaitonis. Is the USA fated to lag behind?

Montgomery Major

EFIM DMITRIEVICH BOGOLIUBOV

An Appreciation of a Great Russian Chess Master
By DR. FEODOR BOHATIRCHUK

Ottawa, Canada

I BECAME acquainted with Efim Dmitrievich in Kiev's chess club, where I came one evening of the winter of 1908. I was then 16 years old, a gymnasiast (i.e. student in a preparatory school); he wore the uniform of a local seminary (theological school). The students of this school never visited the chess club and therefore the newcomer attracted the attention of everybody. But there was another reason for such attention—the young seminarist demonstrated an extraordinary chess skill, defeating easily all the best players of the club. It was unusual in the club, but Bogoliubov was at once given the first category and he entered the handicap tournament which started this evening in this capacity. I was a weaker player and participated in the same tournament as 5th category player.

In this first tournament in his life Bogoliubov finished second (first went to Kiev's champion, B. Isbinsky). After this debut Bogoliubov very quickly rated among Kiev's best players. It was not so easy because at this time many good players resided in Kiev permanently. Besides the above mentioned B. Isbinsky, who died early, such masters as Lowtsky, Dus-Chotimirsky, B. Bernstein visited the chess club or a cafe every evening.

I remember how seriously Bogoliubov had taken up chess. It was more than a hobby for him, he dreamt of being a chess champion. We laughed at him, we could not understand his desire to become a chess professional; but he did not pay any attention to our jokes and stubbornly continued his chess studies. I remember that even at this time he surprised his adversaries with extraordinary knowledge of chess openings; the famous Bogoliubov's "trunk of variations" was a real threat to all his opponents.

In 1909 Bogoliubov took part in the St. Petersburg preliminary tournament in which young Alekhine placed first. Though Bogoliubov in this tournament demonstrated also his extraordinary chess talent, he himself was quite unsatisfied with his results—he simply did not understand how it could happen that he did not take first place in such a "weak" tournament. Even at this time the self-confidence of Bogoliubov was the topic of our jokes. But he was never angry with us and liked to say: "He who laughs last, laughs best." It was really difficult to believe then that this theological student would become one of the best players in the world.

In 1910 E. Bogoliubov entered a Warsaw polytechnical high school but was obliged to quit it very soon because chess left him too little time for studies in polytechnics.

In 1914 many Russian players, including Alekhine, Bogoliubov, Romanovsky, Rabinovich and others (me, too), were sent to represent the Russian chess art at the Mannheim International Tournaments. Alekhine and Bogoliubov, having the title of chess master, entered an international chess tournament; all the others took part in different additional tournaments. In this extraordinarily strong tournament Bogoliubov did not play so well as it was expected; maybe the unusual European surroundings distracted his attention from the play.

After the war broke out (World War I), all the Russian players but three (Alekhine, Saburov and I) were interned in South Germany for the period of the whole war. Bogoliubov married a German lady and very soon became the happy father of two charming girls. At the end of the war all of the Russian players returned home but Bogoliubov, who remained with his family (and A. Selezniev also remained).

Until 1924 I heard very little about Bogoliubov, but was the time of military communism and we had in mind rather the bread and potatoes but not chess. Scarce communications from abroad informed us about the progress in Bogoliubov's chess career.

After a new economical policy (NEP) was proclaimed by Lenin, life became a little easier, and we again began to play chess. In 1924 Bogoliubov and Selezniev accepted the invitation to the All-Russian Championship.

We expected to meet a shabby-chess professional, but we were surprised to come across instead a modern European, dressed as a London dandy, smoking occasionally a very expensive cigar. Such a metamorphosis of our friend seemed to be a fairy tale! And how wonderfully he played chess! He took the first prize with the utmost ease, having lost no games.

He was a real superior class of chess player, unknown to us. As in the times at Kiev, the knowledge of chess openings was the strongest weapon in the hands of Bogoliubov. Next year Bogoliubov won easily a match with P. Romanovsky. But his real triumph was his in the 1st Moscow International Tournament in 1925. He finished first, before Capablanca (then in the zenith of his fame) and Lasker. His deep and brilliant play made us proud of our chess champion.

After this victory Bogoliubov challenged Capablanca but the challenge was not accepted. It is not the aim of this article to analyze thoroughly the chess treasury left by Bogoliubov—every chess player knows his achievements. Even Alekhine was very close to losing his chess crown to this theological student in their first match. At any case, he did not prove this superiority over Bogoliubov so easily as was done by him at this time in his encounters with other players.

In 1926 Bogoliubov refused to come back to the Soviet Union and was divested of Soviet citizenship. Very soon afterwards the iron curtain divided us from the West. It was dangerous to correspond with everybody in foreign countries, especially with such an "enemy of the people" as Bogoliubov. Therefore, I lost any connection with him.

Only in 1943, after my flight from Kiev, did I come across him in Cracow and later in the Radom tournament. This time he had an official position in the German army in the capacity of a chess instructor. I was told by one of my friends that he was a member of the Nazi Party. But the same friend added that Bogoliubov wore his Nazi badge only in case it would be necessary to buy a railway ticket or something in a store forbidden to common mortals.

Truly, it was necessary only to have a short conversation with Bogoliubov in order to know that he was in the party only with the aim of disguising himself and saving his daughters from mobilization. He told me how difficult it was, even with a Nazi membership in his pocket. So far as I know, Bogoliubov never accepted Nazi ideology, was anti-Hitler, and never approved of the cruel practices of this madman.

I remember that at the time of the Radom tournament, he succeeded in getting good radio reception. After the round, we sat around it the whole evening and listened to the information from neutral stations. I had never suspected before that the military situation of Nazi Germany was so bad. Bogoliubov laughed at my naive surprise and said that the end of Hitler was very near.

Another time he told me about an event one year before when he wore his Nazi badge during a simultaneous display in one of the military hospitals. Suddenly one wounded soldier hit him on the badge and broke it. After this incident he never wore the badge during chess games but demonstrated it to his friends.

After the Allied victory I did not hear about Bogoliubov for two years. Later on, I learned he had some difficulties in clearing himself in a denazification board. Finally he was screened and allowed chess activity. I was very glad because I knew very well how far Bogoliubov had been from any political activity, especially on the side of Hitler.

Bogoliubov was very greatly offended by the refusal of FIDE (this time dominated by the Soviet delegation) to recognize him as a grandmaster and to allow him to participate in international tournaments (a decision which was cancelled only in 1951).

In vain I tried to explain the obvious reasons for this decision—such injustice he could not accept. "Ask everybody in Germany—let anybody prove my adherence to the Nazis for other than formal reasons, and I will obey, but now it is clear that the only reason is the revenge of the Soviets." This refusal hurt him financially because it took away one of the sources of his earnings.

The last time I met the late Bogoliubov was at a small international tournament in Kassel in 1947. He finished first. But his health had already deteriorated. It was clear that he was in need of serious treatment. But his financial situation was very bad; he had to support his family—and consequently he worked, playing, playing and playing. I imagine how he longed to be over with his play every day, every hour. But he always kept his humor and took it all very easy.

Now the sad news about his death . . . Looking back into the life of this former theological student, I consider that maybe he was right to choose the life of a warrior at the chess board. Here, at this board, he had everything a life might give, as Henry sometimes said, war, victory, fame and love. To us—chess players—he left the wonderful games, which must be studied, and which will become a part of world chess history.

(The author, Dr. Feodor Bohatirchuk, is a distinguished Ukrainian specialist, noted for research work on cancer. Now residing in Ottawa, Canada, Dr. Bohatirchuk possesses a noted reputation as a chess player. Many times Champion of Kiev and the Ukraine, he tied for third with Dus-Chotimirsky in the II Russian Championship of 1923, tied with Lowenfish for third in the III Russian Championship of 1924; place 11th—but ahead of Rubinstein, and Spielman in the 1st International Tournament at Moscow in 1925; tied for first with Romanovsky in the V Russian Championship of 1927—ahead of Botvinnik; tied for third with Altorozov and Werlinski in the VII Russian Championship in 1931; and tied for third with Rujmin in the IX Russian Championship in 1934. He is one of the few players with a plus score against Botvinnik—three wins and one draw in four tournament encounters.—The Editor.)

CHICAGO CITY CHESS LEAGUE

Chicago 1951-52

1. Perkunas Chess Club	x	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	73-3
2. Lions Chess Club	0	x	1	1	1	1	1	1	63-13
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6. Hamilton Park Chess	0	0	0	0	0	x	1	1	3-5
7. Metro Chess Club	0	0	0	0	0	0	x	1	23-52
8. Chesskateers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	x	1-7
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Collegiate Division

1. Univ. of Illinois (Chgo)	x	1	1	1	1	1	1	51-3
2. I. T. Collegiate	3	0	1	1	1	1	1	43-13
3. Univ. of Chicago Collegiate	0	1	x	1	1	1	1	43-13
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5. Wright Junior College	0	0	0	0	x	1	1	2-4
6. Northwestern University	0	0	0	0	0	x	1	1-5
7. Roosevelt College	.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	x	1-6

Methodical thinking is of more use in chess than inspiration.

—C. J. S. PURDY

Alekhine's Early Chess Career

Additional Data
By A. Buschke

VI. STOCKHOLM, 1912

(The chapter on "Alekhine in Soviet Land," which circumstances have caused to be omitted from the last few issues of CHESS LIFE, will be resumed in the next issue. In the meantime, in honor of the 40th anniversary of Alekhine's first international success, we seize the opportunity of publishing this installment, slightly out of sequence.—The Editor.)

IT IS just 40 years ago that an International Tournament, in which the 19-year old Alekhine took part and carried off the first prize, took place in Stockholm. Alekhine had already participated in the Hamburg 1910 tournament, as a replacement for Capablanca—in fact he had waited until almost the last minute in order to avoid clashing at this early stage of his career with the man whom he considered the next World Champion—but his showing in Hamburg was not particularly exciting and certainly much less than what his Russian sponsors had expected from the lad who had, a year before, convincingly won first prize in the "Amateurs' Tournament" at St. Petersburg, thereby qualifying for the title of international master.

The first prize in the Mixed Masters' Tournament at Stockholm, during the Sixth Congress of the Nordiska Schackförbundet (Northern Chess Association) held from June 25 to July 7, 1912, may be considered as Alekhine's first real international "success," although the competition of first-class masters (Spielmann, Erich Cohn, Marco, possibly Englund, Nyholm and Olland) was not too strong and the rest of the field consisted of practically unknown Scandinavian players (Giersing of Copenhagen, Sjöberg of Ystad, Fridlitzius of Gothenburg—the only one who inflicted a "zero" on Alekhine, and Langborg of Stockholm).

Nineteen year old Alekhine won the tournament handsomely with 8½ out of a possible 10—the distance of 1½ points between him and runner-up, Erich Cohn, in such a short tournament will not surprise any of Alekhine's admirers looking over his career in retrospect and can only be considered as foreboding his chess future—in fact, it is more surprising that the 1½ points he dropped are a loss to Fridlitzius and a draw against Englund—neither one distinguished himself otherwise in this tournament, both ended below the 50% mark, with 4 points each out of a possible 10, tied with Sjöberg in 7-9th places (out of 11 participants, only Giersing, 3½, and Nyholm, 2½, ending behind them).

Throughout the tournament, Alekhine was practically never in danger, except for the first four rounds when Spielmann (finally ending 5th with 5 points just at the 50% mark) was temporarily half a point ahead of him.

All of Alekhine's games played in the Stockholm Tournament were published in Swedish in the Swedish Tournament Book, which is really the triple number 7-9 of Tidskrift for Schack of 1912; three of his games were also published in English by Alekhine himself in his "Best Games 1908-1923" (nos. 9, 10, 11); six were reprinted by Reinfeld in his book "The Unknown Alekhine" (including the loss (Please turn to page 4, col. 1))

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In New York
By Eliot Hearst

This feature will be resumed in the August 20 issue, when Mr. Hearst returns from vacation.

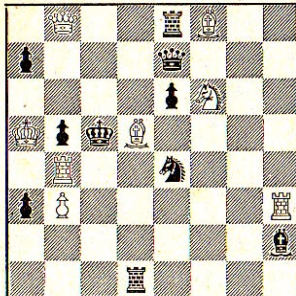
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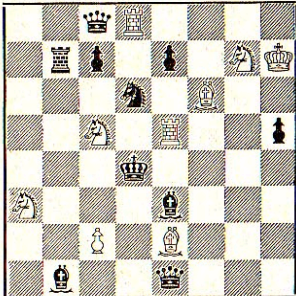
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By H. Ahues
"Arbejder Skak"
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Black: 10 men



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By C. Goldschmeding
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Black: 10 men

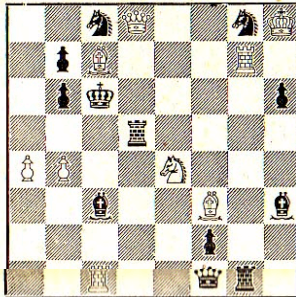


White: 6 men
1Q2rB2, 3P3, 4P5, 5K4, 1R2s3, 2P5R, 7b, 3r4
White mates in two moves

White: 9 men
2Qr4, 1r1p1SK, 3s1B2, 2s1R2p, 3k4, 5b3, 2P1B3, 1b2Q3
White mates in two moves

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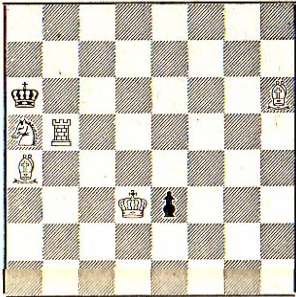
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Black: 12 men



White: 9 men
2s2sK, 1P1B1, 1Q1P, 3r4, PP2S3, 2b2B1b, 5p2, 2R2q1
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 350

By Edgar Holladay
Charlottesville, Va.
First Publication
Black: 2 men



White: 5 men
8, 8, 1b6B, 8R6, B7, 3Kp3, 8, 8
White mates in three moves

For solutions to previously published problems, please turn to page six.

PEKUNAS WINS CHGO LEAGUE

Victory in the Chicago City Chess League went to the Perkunas Chess Club (formerly the Grandis Chess Club) with 7½-½, drawing one match with the University of Chicago team. Lions Chess Club was second with 6½-1½, losing to Perkunas and drawing with Chicago Chess & Checker Club. Maroons Chess Club was third with 6-2 and Chicago Chess & Checker was fourth with 5-8. The contributions of Europe to Chicago chess are evident in the fact that the Perkunas club is largely composed of Lithuanian DPs, while the Lions is an Ukrainian group. To make the League completely cosmopolitan, the Metro Chess Club, which placed 7th, is a negro group whose leading player Raymond McGill recently placed third in the Chicago Park Championship.

In the Collegiate Division, University of Illinois (Navy Pier) placed first with 5½-½, drawing with Illinois Institute of Technology which finished in a tie for second with the University of Chicago Collegiate with 4½-1½ each. IIT lost to Chicago, while Chicago lost to Illinois and drew with Chicago Junior Chess Club which finished fourth with 3½-2½.

WALBRECHT TOPS WITZEL TOURNEY

William Walbrecht won the 12 player Fred Witzel Memorial Tournament, staged by the Jersey City Y Chess Club, with 10½-½, drawing one game with Paul Herbrich. Second place in the 12 player round robin event went to William Jones with 9½-1½, losing to Walbrecht and drawing with Herbrich. Richard S. Phillips was third with 9-2, and Paul Helbig was fourth with 8-3. The event was 100% USCF Rated.

HOWARD, BYRNE TIE LOG CABIN

Championship of the Log Cabin (West Orange, N. J.) Chess Club ended in a tie between Franklin Howard of East Orange and Donald Byrne of Yale University with 7½-1½ each. Third place went to Anthony E. Santasiere of New York with 7-2, while Ralph Hurltlen of Union placed fourth with 5½-3½ in the 10 player round robin event. Edgar McCormick was fifth with 5-4.

BERLIN BESTS CANADIAN TEAM

The Brown Company of Berlin (N. H.) acted as hosts to an invading chess team from the Canada Paper Co. of Windsor Mills (Ont.) and Howard Paper Co. of Cornwall (Ont.). In the double round 11 board match, the Brown Company scored a 17½-4½ victory.

On the following day the Brown Company acted as host to a 32-board simultaneous exhibition by Grandmaster Samuel Reshevsky who met players from Cornwall (Ont.), Bromptonville, Sherbrook and Windsor Mills (Que.) and from New Jersey, Massachusetts, Vermont and New Hampshire. Reshevsky won 31 games, drawing with R. Winslade of Sherbrooke.

MORGAN SCORES AT HUNTINGTON

Charles T. Morgan with 7-0 won the Huntington (W. Va.) City title in an 8 player round robin. Donald Burdick and Dr. Siegfried Werthammer tied for second with 5-2 each. Burdick lost to Morgan and Werthammer, while Werthammer lost games to Morgan and Dr. V. S. Hayward, editor of the WVCA Bulletin. Rudd T. Neel was fourth with 4-3, losing to Morgan, Burdick and Werthammer.

How the Rating System Works

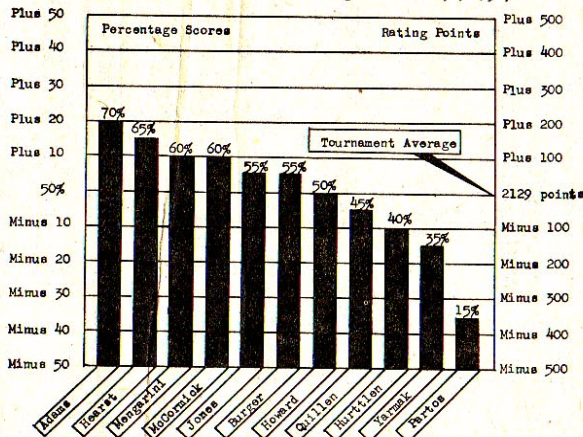
By KENNETH HARKNESS

USCF Rating Statistician

(Kenneth Harkness, co-author of "An Invitation to Chess" and author of "Invitation to Bridge," is the inventor of the mathematical rating system adopted by the USCF to rank American chessplayers. In this series, Mr. Harkness explains the mechanics of the system.—The Editor.)

PERFORMANCE RATINGS

(Log Cabin CC Chp., 1951)



This chart shows how performance ratings, based on percentage scores, were issued to the players in the Log Cabin Chess Club Championship.

5. Round Robin Performance Ratings

AFTER the average strength of a round-robin tournament has been determined, each player is given a performance rating. When there are ten or more rounds, the ratings are issued as follows:

1. A player who makes a 50% score gets the tournament average as his performance rating.
2. A player who makes a score of more than 50% gets the tournament average plus 10 rating points for each percentage point of his score above 50%.
3. A player who makes a score of less than 50% gets the tournament average less 10 rating points for each percentage point of his score below 50%.

Applying these rules to the 1951 Log Cabin Chess Club Championship, performance ratings were issued as shown in the table below and in the chart at the top of the page.

LOG CABIN CHESS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP, 1951				AVERAGE: 2129	
Player	Score	Percentage	Performance Rating	Rating	Rating
Adams	7-3	70% (50 plus 20)	2329	(2129 plus 200)	
Hearst	6½-3½	65% (50 plus 15)	2279	(2129 plus 150)	
Mengarini	6-4	60% (50 plus 10)	2229	(2129 plus 100)	
McCormick	6-4	60% (50 plus 10)	2229	(2129 plus 100)	
Jones	5½-4½	55% (50 plus 5)	2179	(2129 plus 50)	
Burger	5½-4½	55% (50 plus 5)	2179	(2129 plus 50)	
Howard	5-5	50%	2129	(Average)	
Quillen	4½-5½	45% (50 less 5)	2079	(2129 less 50)	
Hurltlen	4-6	40% (50 less 10)	2029	(2129 less 100)	
Yarmak	3½-6½	35% (50 less 15)	1979	(2129 less 150)	
Partos	1-9	15% (50 less 35)	1779	(2129 less 350)	

Howard made a 50% score of 5-5, so this player received the tournament average of 2129 points as his performance rating. The others got more or less than this amount, in proportion to their percentage scores above or below 50%.

As another example, we give below the rating statistics on a more recent contest:

CHICAGO CITY CHAMPIONSHIP, 1952				AVERAGE: 2123	
Player	Rating	Score	Percentage	Performance Rating	Rating
Turiansky	2231	8½-1½	77.3 (plus 27.3)	2396	(2123 plus 273)
Tuvalvisis	2265	7½-2½	68.2 (plus 18.2)	2305	(2123 plus 182)
Cohen	2118	7-4	63.6 (plus 13.6)	2259	(2123 plus 136)
Ang. Sandrin	2130	6½-4½	59.1 (plus 9.1)	2214	(2123 plus 91)
Dahlstrom	2127	5½-5½	50	2123	
Davidson	2088	5½-5½	50	2123	
Nedved	2095	5½-5½	50	2123	
Albert Sandrin	2190	5½-5½	50	2123	
John Tums	2189	4½-6½	40.9 (less 9.1)	2032	(2123 less 91)
Valdis Tums	2045	4½-6½	40.9 (less 9.1)	2032	(2123 less 91)
Berg	1973	4-7	36.4 (less 13.6)	1987	(2123 less 136)
Rudelis	1878	1½-9½	15.6 (less 36.4)	1759	(2123 less 364)

Four of the competitors made 50% of 5½-5½ and each received the tournament average of 2123 points for his performance. The others earned ratings above and below 2123 points, the amounts depending on the scores. For instance, the winner is given a performance rating of 2396, which is 273 points above the tournament average. The added 273 points are exactly ten times this player's 27.3 percentage points above an even score. For all contestants, the performance ratings are based on the percentage scores, the amounts above or below 50% being magnified ten times to eliminate decimals.

All the players in the Chicago Championship had previous ratings, as shown in the second column of the table. These figures are not necessarily the same as the ratings published in the March 5th issue of CHESS LIFE. For instance, Albert Sandrin has 2190 points in the table, but had a rating of 2363 in the published list. The difference is due to the fact that we take a player's last average rating when computing tournament strength, whereas the published rating is the player's highest semi-annual average through the two years before the closing date of the list. After a brilliant performance in the 1951 U. S. Open, raising his average to 2363 for the first half of the year, Sandrin fell off in the second half and his average dropped to 2190 points as of December 31st, 1951. This player's ranking was not affected because the rating system gives him the chance to recover his form without losing his classification as a master. However, the figure 2190 is taken as a measurement of Sandrin's current strength when finding the average of the Chicago Championship. In the early days of the rating system, we based tournament strength on the last performance ratings of the players; now we use the last semi-annual averages and get better results. (This is the fifth of a series of articles by Mr. Harkness. The sixth will appear in the next issue of CHESS LIFE.—The Editor.)

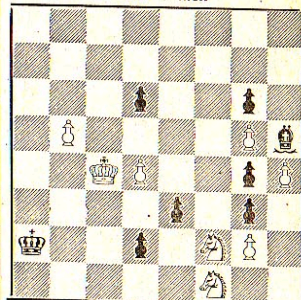
Chess Life

Sunday, July 20, 1952

Challenge

Endgame

Original Composition
By Vincent L. Eaton
Silver Springs, Md.
Black: 8 men



White: 8 men
8, 8, 3P2P1, 1P4P, 2K2P, 4P1P, 4P2P1P1, 5P2
White to play and win

PROBLEM Editor Vincent L. Eaton is offering a prize of \$5.00 to the reader of CHESS LIFE who submits the best analysis and demonstration of White's win in the above composition. The decision of CHESS LIFE will be final as to what constitutes the best analysis. Submit solutions to the Editor, CHESS LIFE, 123 No. Humphrey Ave., Oak Park, Illinois by August 20, 1952.

HOLD CONTEST FOR ENDGAMES

L'Echiquier de Paris, noted French chess publication, has announced an international contest of original and unpublished endgame studies. Prizes are 1500, 1000 and 700 francs, with three honorable mentions. Only studies that represent positions obtainable in regular play will be considered. Entries must be anonymous, with name of composer enclosed in a sealed envelope accompanying the diagrammed position. Contest closes October 1, 1952. Entries should be addressed to: Concours International d'Etudes Inédites, L'Echiquier de Paris, Boite Postale No. 20, Paris 13e, France.

MYERS DEFEATS NEDVED IN MATCH

By a score of 3½-½, Hugh Myers of Decatur bested Illinois State Champion Kimball Nedved in a match held at Glencoe. Nedved drew the third game. Both players scored 6-1 in the last Illinois State Championship, but Nedved took the title on S-B points.

Lansing (Mich.) Chess Club elected V. E. Vandenberg president. Edward Barwick, Edgar Sneyders and Edwin Johnson vice-presidents, Frank Foote, Jr. secretary, and William Kimball treasurer. Founded in 1944, the Lansing Chess Club is one of the most active in Michigan, and has held a plus score over the years in its matches with other clubs.

Montreal (Canada) Chess Club held a clock simultaneous with Pomar besting 6 drawing one and losing 3 games. Victors against the Spanish master were A. Shilov, M. Cohen, and N. Argendeli, while J. Gersho obtained the draw.

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Cleveland, 1952	
1. George Miller	6-2 21.50
2. Harold Miller	6-2 20.00
3. Nasytis	5-2 16.00
4. Harkins	5-2 13.00
5. Stearns	4-4 16.00
6. McCready	4-3 15.50
7. Somlo	4-3 11.75
8. Wyman	2-6 5.25
9. Levitan	1-7 4.00

NEW ORLEANS CITY CHAMPIONSHIP

New Orleans, 1952	
1. E. Bersold	15-2 7-11
2. Polito	15-2 6-11
3. Cooper	14-3 6-12
4. B. Naser	14-4 6-12
5. McCready	11-7 5-12
6. Murtha	10-7 5-13
7. Calkins	10-7 5-13
8. Fitzgerald	9-9 17
9. Chavez	8-10 17

NORTH-SOUTH TEAM MATCH

San Louis Obispo, 1952

N. California	S. California	
1. V. Palfunoff	II. Steiner	1
2. C. M. Capps	A. Spiller	1
3. H. Gross	L. Joyner	1
4. A. J. Fink	I. Rivise	2
5. P. D. Smith	H. Gordon	2
6. M. O. Meyer	M. Gordon	1
7. H. J. Ralston	S. Mazner	3
8. J. Schmitt	S. Almgren	1
9. W. McClain	H. Gordon	0
10. J. Gee	G. Crov	0
11. W. T. Adams	S. Geller	1
12. W. P. Barlow	L. Erwin	1
13. R. Currie	R. Banner	1
14. A. B. Slamer	G. Van Deene	0
15. Byron	C. Fuglie	0
16. W. Hendricks	E. P. Elliott	1
17. A. Loera	C. Wallace	1
18. R. Richards	R. Aronson	0
19. T. Austin	D. Johnson	1
20. C. Svalberg	J. Gibbs	2
21. R. Burger	C. Chase	1
22. R. Hultgren	K. Forrest	0
23. G. Kirby	G. Stevens	0
24. M. Hadjipam	B. Madrid	1
25. C. Sedlack	J. Keckhut	1
26. C. R. Wilson	W. S. Carr	1
27. N. Hultgren	G. Hunnux	0
28. R. Freeman	D. Woronoff	0
29. Christensen	L. Fielding	0
30. R. Trenberth	L. Millstein	0
31. W. Leeds	P. Petersen	0
32. S. Abrahams	T. Kodish	0
33. E. Budoff	T. McDermott	0
34. S. Bean	T. Barakat	1
35. L. Davis	C. Ulrich	0
36. A. Stobbe	M. Eucher	0
37. A. Stobbe	A. Youner	0
38. L. Bellavsky	A. Yavorsky	0
39. L. Daugherty	Nancy Roos	0
40. S. Konhoff	Mrs. G. Plattisky	0
41. N. Russ	J. G. G. G.	1
42. F. Olvera	W. Wheeler	1
43. Dahl	W. Caverly	1
44. E. Kupka	W. Holmes	1
45. L. Kerfoot	C. Henderson	1
46. E. Hoffer	D. Bengt	1
47. K. Draughton	D. Kapilowsky	0
48. F. Crofut	M. Tempier	0
49. F. Pries	L. Domanski	0
50. G. Lutz	D. Maron	0
51. Van Gelder	R. Gross	0
52. H. S. King	H. Mager	0
53. R. Taylor	H. Dudley	1
54. E. L. Jeffers	H. G. G.	0
55. K. Krogness	P. C. McKenna	0
56. A. Chappell	M. Cook	0
57. S. J. Escobar	H. L. Calkins	0
58. W. Stamer	B. Busheff	1
59. M. Cook	F. E. Sleep	1

North 32 South 27

Alekhine's Career

(Continued from page 2, col. 5)
against Fridlitz; the only game which does not seem to have been reprinted in English yet is the draw against England, which follows:

FRENCH DEFENSE

By Transposition

Stockholm, 1912

Round Nine

White	Black
A. A. ALEKHINE	F. ENGLUND
1. P-QB4	P-K3
2. P-K4	P-Q4
3. K-P4	P-K3
4. K-P4	P-K3
5. K-K3	B-KK5
6. K-K2	K-KB3
7. K-K3	Q-QR4
8. O-O	B-K3
9. K-K3	B-K2
10. P-Q4	K-K3
11. K-QK5	O-K3
12. K-Q2	K-K3
13. K-K3	K-K3
14. K-K3	K-K3
15. K-K3	K-K3
16. K-K3	K-K3
17. P-Q4	P-Q4
18. B-K3	Q-K3
19. B-K2	Q-K3
20. R-K3	R-K3
21. R-K3	R-K3
22. R-K3	R-K3
23. R-K3	R-K3
24. R-K3	R-K3
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26. R-K3	R-K3
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28. R-K3	R-K3
29. R-K3	R-K3
30. R-K3	R-K3
31. R-K3	R-K3
32. R-K3	R-K3
33. R-K3	R-K3

Columbus (Ohio) Y Chess Club elected Cox president, Hudson vice-president, De Craker secretary and Goodman treasurer; these and Pusecker and Rothman form the Board of Directors of the club.

MICHIGAN STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Battle Creek, 1952

1. George Eastman (Detroit)	W30 D6 W13 W23 W3 W4 W5 D4 7-1 43.75
2. Dr. Jenkin (Mt. Clemens)	W24 W25 W3 D4 W17 L1 W16 W8 6-1 37.50
3. L. Dreier (Saginaw)	W12 W43 L2 W41 L1 W22 W4 W9 6-2 30.50
4. L. Stolzenberg (Detroit)	W18 W36 W16 W5 D2 W17 L3 D1 6-2 34.25
5. R. Uhlmann (Grand Rapids)	W29 W21 W16 W12 W16 L1 W16 6-2 32.00
6. Zarnis (Grand Rapids)	W28 D1 D10 W19 W12 W15 5-2 31.50
7. J. R. Thomas (Ferndale)	W30 L20 D27 W36 W35 W22 W14 5-2 26.00
8. Norman Zemke (Detroit)	W34 L17 W47 W20 D9 W26 W18 L2 5-2 24.50
9. Sam Allerton (Kalamazoo)	W7 L5 W25 W24 D8 D18 W17 L3 5-3 27.25
10. R. Eusebio (Battle Creek)	W33 D1 D6 W16 L12 D3 W37 W28 4-2 25.50
11. Dr. Howard Gaba (Detroit)	D46 L14 L24 W29 W39 D13 W32 W17 5-3 22.50
12. R. Morris (Windsor, Ont.)	L3 W47 L41 W44 W21 W31 L6 W18 5-3 19.50
13. Fred Foote (Hastings)	D41 W15 L1 L22 W33 D11 D23 W25 4-3 22.25
14. J. H. Young (Duluth, Minn.)	D15 W11 D31 D21 L6 W41 W19 L7 4-3 22.00
15. R. Eusebio (Battle Creek)	W33 D1 D6 W16 L12 D3 W37 W28 4-2 25.50
16. H. Kaimis (Kalamazoo)	W26 W39 L4 D10 W41 W19 L2 L5 4-3 20.50
17. Kabbi A. Friedman (Lansing)	W27 W5 W19 L2 W28 L4 L9 L11 4-4 21.50
18. K. Jacobson (Grand Rapids)	L4 W27 D36 W37 W19 D9 L8 L12 4-4 20.00
19. Ted Lewis (Chicago, Ill.)	W47 W20 L17 D6 W23 L16 L14 D22 4-4 19.75
20. H. R. Meier (Kalamazoo)	W29 L19 W7 L6 W23 D28 L15 D21 4-4 19.50
21. A. K. Brauer (Midland)	W22 W35 L5 D14 L12 W19 W31 D23 4-4 18.75
22. A. Croil (Detroit)	L21 D33 W46 W13 W15 L3 L7 D19 4-4 18.25
23. L. C. Jackson (Toledo, O.)	bye W37 W47 L19 D10 D13 D21 4-4 17.75
24. E. Van Swaeden (G. Rapids)	W43 W39 L2 W30 W43 D20 4-4 17.00
25. Abe Gaba (Detroit)	W39 L2 L3 L32 W44 W27 W28 L13 4-4 17.00
26. Guy Housewirth (Dearborn)	L16 W38 W32 W13 L8 L25 W37 4-4 17.00
27. W. Beesley (Agusta)	L17 L18 W45 D7 D20 L25 W40 W39 4-4 16.50
28. G. Markus (Detroit)	L5 W40 W39 L7 D20 L24 L10 W43 4-4 16.50
29. L. R. Atwood (Battle Creek)	W22 W30 W29 W39 W40 W36 4-4 14.25
30. A. Weish (Battle Creek)	L1 L7 bye Abs. W42 W33 W11 D31 4-4 14.25
31. Edward F. Muller (Flint)	3-4 15.75; 32. Art Mendendorfer (Grand Rapids) 3-4 15.25; 33. John Lapin (Bay City) 3-4 15.00; 34. Robert Hitchcock (Jackson) 3-4 15.00; 35. Lucille Bremer (Grand Rapids) 3-4 15.00; 36. V. E. Vandenberg (Lansing) 3-4 15.00; 37. T. A. Jenkins (Dunington Wood) 3-4 15.00; 38. Henry Leonard (Lansing) 3-4 15.00; 39. Paul Lightfoot (Kalamazoo) 3-4 15.00; 40. Lawrence Sveen (Berkeley) 3-4 15.00; 41. Earl Bell (Royal Oak) 2-5 11.25; 42. W.A.L. Willard, Sr. (Bay City) 2-5 11.25; 43. Edward Gode (Grand Rapids) 2-5 11.25; 44. Phil Chamberlain (Lansing) 2-5 11.25; 45. Frank Holliday (Grand Rapids) 2-5 11.25; 46. Wison Augustine (Plymouth) 1-6 6.50; 47. Dr. P. Vandendale (Battle Creek) 0-6.

*Junior players.

MILWAUKEE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

Hawthorn Glen, 1952

1. Arpad E. Elo	W20 W17 D26 W13 W15 W3 W7 W4 7-1 7.536
2. Marshall Roland	W14 W21 W22 L3 L11 W8 W18 W7 6-2 6.027
3. Ralph Abrams	W34 W18 W28 W2 W7 L1 L4 W6 6-2 6.0265
4. Averill Powers	W31 W6 W30 L7 W26 W15 W3 L1 6-2 6.025
5. Gerald Rutz	L3 W33 L10 W21 W16 W29 W19 D9 5-3 5.519
6. Jack Geisler	W32 W20 W30 W29 W39 W40 W36 4-4 5.518
7. John Grkavac	W18 W15 W8 W4 W3 W11 L1 L2 5-3 5.5245
8. Frank Inbusch	W5 W12 L7 L15 W13 L2 W30 W10 5-3 5.5225
9. Orville Francisco	L15 W14 W19 D10 L18 W28 D6 D5 5-3 5.5217
10. Paul Hauder	W12 W28 W15 W12 W31 D10 D15 5-3 5.5195
11. Ernest Rozkalis	L1 W41 W20 W22 L1 D10 D15 5-3 5.5195
12. Rev. Neil Swanson	D33 L8 W16 W38 L10 D17 W29 W23 5-3 5.5175
13. Dr. O. W. Wehrly	W29 L28 W37 L1 L8 W36 W31 W18 5-3 5.517
14. James Forciea	L2 L9 W40 W16 W39 W27 W22 W19 5-3 5.5135
15. Dan Clark	W17 W9 L1 W26 W11 L2 W25 D1 4-3 5.5205
16. Hugh Goddard	W32 L3 L12 W14 L5 W33 D17 W30 4-3 5.5157
17. George Hurley	W23 L1 L15 D20 W38 D12 D16 W26 4-3 5.5155
18. Rudy Heyman	L7 W31 D27 W34 D9 W30 L2 L13 4-4 5.5147
19. Robert Ridley	L39 W24 L19 W23 W37 W20 L5 4-4 5.514
20. Philip Gove	L1 W23 L11 D19 W27 D24 4-4 5.5137
21. Leo Trabert	W24 L2 L29 L5 L27 W37 W32 W31 4-4 5.512
22. Jim Erdman	W41 W27 L2 L11 L30 W25 L14 W29 4-4 5.5115
23. John Thompson	L17 L20 W24 L19 W32 bye W34 L12 4-4 5.5095
24. Steve Hauder	L1 L10 L36 W40 W34 W36 D2 4-4 5.5087
25. Walter Otteson	L3 L10 L36 W40 W34 W36 D2 4-4 5.5087
26. Kalman Farkas	3-4 3.513; 27. Jerry Becker 3-4 3.509; 28. Henry Glertch 3-5 3.503; 29. Fred Cramer 3-5 3.508; 30. Willard Keim 3-5 3.507; 31. Orthmar Moroder 3-5 3.503; 32. Heinz Buss 3-5 3.502; 33. Lewis Brabant 3-5 3.507; 34. Frank Maleski 3-5 3.502; 35. Roger Dimmick 3-5 3.505; 36. E. A. Winkler 2-6 2.007; 37. Gene Gilbert 2-6 2.001; 38. Peter Appleman 1-7 1.503; 39. A. A. Christopharo 1-7 1.004; 40. John Brautman 1-7 1.000; 41. Jack Ellsworth 0-6 0.000; 42. Christofaro 1-7 1.004; 43. John Brautman 1-7 1.000; 44. Jack Ellsworth 0-6 0.000.

NORTH CAROLINA OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Wilmington, 1952

1. Karl Burger (Brooklyn, N.Y.)	W10 W7 W8 D2 W4 W6 5-3 23.00
2. J. T. Sherwin (New York, N.Y.)	W14 W11 W4 D1 W8 W9 5-3 22.50
3. A. Kaufman (New York, N.Y.)	W12 W6 W17 L10 W7 W8 4-2 19.50
4. M. Rogan (Rochester, N.Y.)	W24 W22 L2 W20 L1 W10 4-2 19.50
5. A. Kaufman (Rochester, N.Y.)	W13 D17 L6 W16 D11 W15 4-2 18.00
6. Kit Crittenden (Raleigh, N.C.)	W13 D17 L6 W16 D11 W15 4-2 18.00
7. Doug Kahn (Charlotte, N.C.)	W15 L1 D20 W13 L3 W19 3-2 20.50
8. David Eisen (States Island, N.Y.)	W19 W21 L1 D18 W10 L3 3-2 20.00
9. L. N. Enequist (Bethesda, Md.)	L20 W23 D13 W12 W18 L2 3-2 21.00
10. A. G. Ashbrook (Charlotte, N.C.)	W14 W15 W3 L4 3-3 23.50
11. A. Pabon Jr. (Roanoke, Va.)	W18 L2 W26 L6 W25 D12 3-3 19.50
12. S. A. Agnello (Durham, N.C.)	L3 D19 W21 L8 W22 D12 3-3 17.50
13. D. T. Rogers (Durham, N.C.)	L5 W26 D9 L7 D16 W20 3-3 17.00
14. T. J. Baxter (New Bern, N.C.)	L2 L10 W25 D17 D20 W18 3-3 17.00
15. L. L. Lester (Durham, N.C.)	W15 W25 L10 W24 W17 L5 3-3 16.50
16. Capt. R. Hamilton (New Topsail Beach, N.C.)	D21 L20 W19 L5 D13 D22 3-3 16.50
17. A. Henry Gaede (Charlotte, N.C.)	2-3 18.50; 18. G. C. Harwell (Durham, N.C.) 2-3 18.50; 19. R. Brown Evans (St. Pauls, N.C.) 2-3 18.50; 20. Bill Crowder (Greensboro, N.C.) 2-4 19.00; 21. George D. Anderson 2-4 16.50; 22. T. E. Makens (Pineville, N.C.) 2-4 15.00; 23. Mrs. W. B. Compton (Blackville, S.C.) 2-4 13.00; 24. J. H. Tusch (Wilmington, N.C.) 1-4 15.50; 25. H. E. Mitchell (Wilmington, N.C.) 1-4 12.50; 26. D. Killian (Wilmington, N.C.) 1-5 15.00.

*Sollfok points used.

CHICAGO CITY LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

Chicago, 1952

Abraham Kaufman	W20	W16	W15	D2	D7	W4	5-1	16.50
W. Fedan	W14	W11	W3	D1	L4	W7	4-1	16.50
Franz Neugebauer	W14	W11	L2	L6	W10	W10	4-2	16.50
Alexander Zulus	W19	L3	W6	W11	W2	L1	3-2	16.50
K. Venesiar	W17	L6	L7	W16	W15	W8	4-2	16.50
Svend Oleson	W10	W5	L4	W3	L8	D9	3-2	21.00
Clarence J. Moore	L8	W9	W5	W15	D1	L2	3-2	21.00
P. Kalutius	L3	W19	D10	W17	W6	L5	3-2	21.00
Charles Stein	L11	L7	W20	W12	W14	D6	3-2	19.50
Eric Gutmanis	L6	W20	D8	W14	L3	W15	3-2	16.00
K. Jakstas	W9	L2	D16	W18	W18	W18	3-3	20.00
Walter Grombacher	L13	D14	D17	L8	W20	W18	3-3	13.50
R. Seder	W12	L15	L14	L18	W19	W1	3-3	13.50

Uri 2-3 18.50; 15. George Voltz 2-4 21.00; 16. David Ferguson 2-4 18.00; 17. Paul Ewing 2-4 17.50; 18. Gerald Lovering 2-4 14.00; 19. Wm. Harris 1-5 15.00; 20. Barry Herzberg 1-5 18.00.

*Sollfok points used.

NORTH TEXAS OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Fort Worth, 1952

1. Fred C. Tears	W16 W3 W2 W4 W7 W6 W10 7-0 5-13
2. Louis Dina	W15 W20 L1 W17 W4 W7 D3 5-1 12
3. William A. Bills	W16 W3 W2 W4 W7 W6 W10 7-0 5-13
4. R. B. Potter	W25 W6 W11 L1 L2 W9 W12 5-1 12
5. Owen Burnett	L11 W12 L3 D8 W22 W14 W13 4-2 21
6. Frank T. Bly	W9 L4 W24 D3 W15 L1 W17 4-2 21
7. George Smith	W19 D13 W17 W20 L1 L2 4-2 21
8. J. M. Moulden	L6 L15 W23 W22 W17 L4 W20 4-2 21
9. Claude Freeman	W21 L11 L14 W18 W24 W16 L1 4-3 21
10. G. D. Rice	W5 W10 L4 D15 W16 L3 L7 3-3 21
11. D. B. Martin	W22 L5 W19 L13 W21 W19 L4 3-3 21
12. J. Lloyd	W17 D7 L5 W12 W13 W20 L4 3-3 21
13. Don C. Huff	L17 W25 W10 L16 D20 L5 W21 3-3 21
14. O. D. Thompson	L2 W9 W13 D11 L6 L12 D23 3-3 21
15. Walter Morgan 3-4; 16. A. G. Miller 3-4; 17. Frank Graves 3-4; 18. Mrs. O. D. Thompson 3-4; 19. Mason Will 2-4; 20. E. Ozmert 2-4; 21. E. Ozmert 2-4; 22. E. Ozmert 2-4; 23. H. R. McDonald 2-4; 24. Clarence Cleere 2-5; 25. Charles Ramzell 1-6.	

PEORIA OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Peoria, 1952

1. H. G. Cramer (Peoria)	W5 W15 W7 D9 D2 D3 W8 W4 W11 7-1 41.00
2. J. E. Hodge (Peoria)	D16 D4 W11 W15 D1 W8 W3 W5 L7 6-2 34.75
3. A. R. Hartwig (Peoria)	W13 W12 W14 W9 D1 W7 W5 6-2 34.75
4. R. Sherman (Peoria)	D16 D4 W11 W15 D1 W8 W3 W5 L7 6-2 34.75
5. J. H. Hefner (Peoria)	L1 L14 bye W13 W6 W4 W7 L2 L3 5-3 25.00
6. J. Roecker (Peoria)	D12 W10 D4 L8 L5 W15 W9 D11 bye 5-4 13.50
7. C. A. Lyon (Peoria)	D11 W16 L1 L4 W14 W9 L5 L3 W2 4-4 19.25
8. D. Lybarger (Peoria)	D4 L13 W10 W6 W12 L2 L1 L9 bye 4-4 18.25
9. L. E. Hodge (Peoria)	4-4 18.25; 10. G. A. Dubbinghoff (Peoria) 4-4 18.25; 11. G. E. Babcock (Peoria) 3-5 10.25; 12. G. W. Harper (Peoria) 2-7 10.50; 13. Wm. Phelps (Bradford, Ill.) 2-7 10.50; 14. Harold Madison (Marysville, Mo.) 2-7 10.50; 15. Tomiya Sato (Hawaii) 2-7 2.50; 16. R. L. Pocklington (Joliet, Ill.) 2-8 3.75.

INDIANA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Logansport, 1952

(Sedalia)	W33	W11	W5	W12	W2	5-0	20.00
(Greencastle)	W22	W28	W9	W6	L1	4-1	15.50
son (Gary)	W30	D24	W14	W7	D6	4-1	14.75
son (Chesterton)	6-2 13.25	W32	W21	W28	W10	4-1	13.00
(Indianapolis)	W37	L1	W26	W12		4-1	12.00
(Logansport)	W32	W14	W15	L2	D3	3-1 10	12.00
(W. Lafayette)	D10	W19	W18	L3	W20	3-1 10	12.50
(South Bend)	W31	D18	D10	D9	W22	3-1 10	12.00
(Lawrenceburg)	W20	W35	L2	D8	W18	3-1 10	11.25
(Hammond)	W26	W38	L5	W23		3-2	10.00
son (South Bend)	W17	L1	D25	D33	W26	3-2	10.00
(rt. Branch)	W24	W27	W13	L1	L5	3-2	10.00
r. (Andrews)	L26	W16	L12	W27	W24	3-2	10.00
(Hammond)	W21	L6	L12	W33	W23	3-2	8.50
(South Bend)	W27	W30	L6	L2	W28	3-2	8.50
nant	W25	L13	L24	W35	W30	3-2	7.50
ary (Pt. Wayne)	L11	L33	W37	W36	W25	3-2	7.00
	W34	D8	L7	W19	L9	2-2 4	7.25
er (Indip.)	W29	D23	D23	D23		2-2 4	7.25
st Gary	W9	W31	W35	L22	L7	2-2 4	6.75
ks (South Bend)	L14	W37	L4	D30	W32	2-2 4	5.75
(Lafayette)	L2	W34	W36	D20	L8	2-2 4	5.75
(Gary) 2-3 (3.75); 24. Roger Oren (Muncie) 2-3 (3.00); 25. Fred							
2-3 (3.50); 26. William Trinks (Hammond) 2-3 (4.00); 27. Harry							
3.00); 30. Momiclo Isalovich (Gary) 1-3 (3.75); 31. Gregory							
1-1 3-1 (3.25); 32. Paul Martinak (East Chicago) 1-3 (3.25);							
33. Muncie 1-4 (4.00); 34. Hal M. Huhman (Lawrenceburg)							
35. Lawrenceburg (Lawrenceburg) 1-4 (4.00); 36. Aurel Maltrath (Gary) 0-5 (0.00),							
P. Davis (Gary) 1-4 (1.00); 38. Aurel Maltrath (Gary) 0-5 (0.00),							

August 1-4

Colorado Open Championship
Denver, Colo.

Open to all; two champions, open and state; \$100.00 cash first prize; entry fee \$6.00; for details, write: Merl W. Recse, tournament director, 1740 Glenarm, Denver 2, Colo.

August 22-24

South Carolina Open Championship
Columbia, S. C.

At Wade Hampton Hotel; 5 round Swiss; begins 7:00 p.m. August 22; open to all; entry fee \$3.00; prizes; play in air-conditioned Palmetto Room; top S. C. player becomes State Champion; for details, write: Lanneau Foster, 1704 Green St., Columbia, S. C.

August 23-September 1

New York State Championship
Cazenovia, N. Y.

Open to all; held at Cazenovia Seminary; 9 round Swiss championship with entry fee \$10.00, four cash prizes, first prize \$100.00; Experts' tourney, entry fee \$5.00, first prize \$50.00; Swiss or round robin; Genesee and Susquehanna Cup team matches; mail entries postmarked no later than August 18 to Harold M. Phillips, 258 Broadway, New York City; all entrants must be members of NYSCA; for details, write: John C. Cummings, 208 West Beard Ave., Syracuse 5, N. Y.

August 30-September 1

Illinois State Championship
Rock Island, Ill.

Open to Illinois residents only; at Fort Armstrong Hotel; 7 round Swiss; cash prizes; Entry closes noon August 30; entry fee; for details write: John Warren, 1336 15th St., Rock Island, Ill. or Henry Jeffrey, 413 16th Ave., Rock Island, Ill.

August 30-September 1

Southwestern Open Championship
Dallas, Texas

Open to all; 7 round Swiss; titles: Southwestern Open, Women's and Junior Champions, also Texas State Championship; cash prizes and trophy; held at Hotel Adolphus, Dallas; entries accepted until 1:00 p.m.; play begins 2:00 p.m.; entry fee \$6.00 (plus USCF and TCA membership which totals \$4.00); college students and juniors under 21 entry fee \$1.00 plus USCF and TCA membership; guaranteed first prize \$150.00; second prize \$100.00; trophies in addition to Texas, Women's and Junior Champions; other prizes, for details or hotel reservations, write: C. Frederick Tears, Jr., 2849 Fondren Drive, Dallas 5, Texas. 100% USCF Rated event.

August 30-September 1

2nd Annual Midwest Open Championship
Omaha, Nebraska

Open to all; 6 round Swiss; entry fee \$5.00 (including membership in Nebraska Chess Ass'n); cash prizes; for details write: Nebraska Chess Ass'n, 317 YMCA Bldg., Omaha 2, Nebr.

August 30-September 1

Louisiana State Championship
New Orleans, La.

At Hotel New Orleans; open to Louisiana and Mississippi players; begins 9:00 a.m. August 30; entry fee \$5.00 including USCF and LCA memberships; 100% USCF rated event; for details, write: W. P. Naser, P.O. Box 779, New Orleans, La.

August 30-September 1

West Virginia Championship
Tournament
Beckley, W. Va.

At Beckley Elks Club; open to all chess players, state title to ranking W. Va. player; championship and other divisions; air-conditioned playing room; for details, write: Harlow Warren, Beckley, W. Va.

August 29-September 1

New England Championship
Newburyport, Mass.

Open to all New England residents, including students attending New England schools; begins 7:30 p.m. Friday August 29; 6 round Swiss; First prize \$100.; a rated tournament; held at Newburyport YMCA, 13 Market St.; for details write: O. A. Lester, Jr., 63 High St., Newburyport, Mass.

August 30-September 1

Pennsylvania State Championship
Somerset, Penna.

At Manor Hill Hotel; 7 round Swiss; open to all residents of Pennsylvania or members of Pennsylvania Chess Clubs; at least \$150.00 in cash prizes plus merchandise prizes for top 15; begins 1:00 p.m. August 30; round robin Rapid Transit to be held at 8:00 p.m. on August 29; for details, write: Everett A. Coons, 722 Broad Street, Sewickley, Pa.

September 1

20th Grand National Championship
Correspondence Chess

Open to all; recognized by USCF as conferring the U.S. Correspondence title; entry fee to CCLA members \$1 per section or 3 sections for \$2, for non-members \$1.50 for first section and \$1 per section thereafter; 7 to 9 players per section, one game with each opponent; section winners advance free into second round; winners of second round sections advance free into finals; prize awards to section winners in first two rounds; final prizes in cash or merchandise plus year possession of the Henry D. Hibbard Trophy to the champion; for entry or details, write: Dick Rees, CCLA Secretary, 2826 Correctionville Road, Sioux City 5, Iowa.

Lincoln (Neb.) Chess Club served a 10-6 defeat to the Omaha Chess Club in an intercity match. The growing Lincoln club now numbers 45 active members and has become one of the most active chess centers in Nebraska. Scoring for Lincoln were V. Rajnoha, A. Sildmets, P. Wood, J. Warner, G. Danenfelds, B. Schwabauer, P. Finley, A. Liepnicks, while J. Sobolevsky and A. Freibergs drew with A. Ludwig and M. Fair. For Omaha David Ackerman, J. Andre, B. Chizum, C. Hevden and F. Rich scored the points.

Peoria (Ill.) Chess Ass'n bested Decatur Chess Club 9-1 at the Bloomington YMCA. Scoring for Peoria were H. G. Cramer, Ray Shipman, John E. Hodge, Dean Lybarger, Lorence O'Russa, Chester A. Lyon, George W. Harper, Glen E. Babcock, and Robert Chapin, while Hugh E. Myers salvaged the point for Decatur.

Corpus Christi (Tex.) Chess Club finished its qualifying prelims for the club championship with Folk Weaver winning Section I with 9-1, losing one game to Pablo Cortez, Charles H. Fuschman was a second with 6½-2½, losing to Weaver and Sam Kane, and drawing with Cortez. David Kight was third with 6-3. In Section II, Charles W. Blanpied and Henry E. Youngman tied for first with 7-1; Blanpied lost to Alan Lilyholm, and Youngman to Blanpied. James A. Creighton was third with 6-2, losing to Blanpied and Youngman.

Hyde Park (Chicago) Chess Club elected Abraham Kaufman president, Dr. Leonard Peal secretary, George Voltz treasurer, and Theodore Lewis publicity director. Dr. E. L. Dunston became chairman of the board. Club plans include annual summer ladder tournament, a 10-second tourney the 1st Thursday of every month, and an annual club championship probably conducted in sections.

GREATER CHICAGO CHESS LEAGUE TO SECOND TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

Chicago, 1952

	Matches	Games
1. Latvian Chess Club	3-0	283-73
2. Austin Chess and Checker Club	2-1	231-121
3. West Towns Chess Club	1-2	161-191
4. West Suburban Chess Club	0-3	31-321

Playoff Tournament,
Worcester, 1952

1. Sol Rubinow (Boston)	.....	W	W5	D3	23-1	3.75
2. Orlando Lester (Newburyport)	.....	L1	W4	D5	13-11	2.25
3. Charles Henin (Springfield)	.....	L4	W6	D1	13-11	1.75
4. Wolf (Springfield)	.....	L2	D2	D1	13-11	1.75
5. Richard Gleason (Springfield)	W6	L1	D2	13-11	1.25
6. Bartlett Gould (Newburyport)	L5	L3	D4	13-21	0.75

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Jersey City, 1952												
1. William Walbrecht (Jersey City)	x	1	1	1	$\frac{3}{2}$	1	1	1	1	1	1	103-3
2. William Jones (Jersey City)	x	1	1	1	$\frac{3}{2}$	1	1	1	1	1	1	95-11
3. Richard S. Phillips (Weehawken)	0	0	x	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9-2
4. Paul Helbig (North Bergen)	0	0	x	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8-3
5. Joel Sweifach (Bayonne)	0	0	0	x	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7-4
6. Paul Herbrich (Jersey City)	$\frac{3}{2}$	0	0	0	0	x	1	0	1	1	1	6-6
7. Louis Eigen (North Bergen)	0	0	0	0	0	x	1	1	1	1	1	5-5
8. Davis Murray (Jersey City)	0	0	0	0	0	0	x	1	1	1	1	5-6
9. Lewis Fattell (North Bergen)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	x	0	1	1	2-9
10. Fred S. Miles (Jersey City)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	x	1	1	2-9
11. Howard Cronin (Jersey City)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	x	1-10
12. Edward Friedman (Bayonne)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	x	0-11
Friedman forfeited to Sweifach, Cronin, Helbig, Eigen, Fattell, Herbrich and Murray.												
100% USCF Rated Tournament.												

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HUNTINGTON CITY CHAMPIONSHIP

Huntington, 1952										
1. Charles T. Morgan	x	0	1	1	1	1	1	7-0	
2. Donald Burdick	.....	0	x	0	1	1	1	1	5-2
3. Dr. S. Werthammer	.....	0	1	x	1	1	0	1	5-2
4. Rudd T. Neel	.....	0	0	0	x	1	1	1	4-3
5. H. H. Gregg	.....	0	0	0	0	x	1	1	3-4
6. Dr. V. S. Hayward	.....	0	0	0	0	0	x	0	2-5
7. Paul Sayre	.....	0	0	0	0	0	1	x	2-5
8. William Michael	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	x	0-7

OKLAHOMA INTERCOLLEGIATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Stillwater, 1952									
1. Alfred Ives (Stillwater)	.....	x	0	1	1	1	1	1	43-3
2. Bob Virgin (Tulsa)	.....	0	x	0	1	1	1	1	31-13
3. Enn Arike (Stillwater)	.....	0	1	x	0	1	1	1	3-2
4. Jack Isbell (Stillwater)	.....	0	0	1	x	1	1	1	3-2
5. Guy Rossi (Warren, O.)	.....	0	0	0	0	x	1	1	1-4
6. Alberto Bracho (Tulsa)	.....	0	0	0	0	0	x	1	0-5

TULSA UNIVERSITY CHAMPIONSHIP

Tulsa, 1952											
1. Dr. Bela Rozsa	.....	x	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	15-0
2. Bob Virgin	.....	0	0	x	1	1	1	1	0	1	11-1
3. C. I. Blanchard	.....	0	x	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	11-4
4. Jack Wamsley	.....	0	0	0	x	0	1	1	1	0	9-5
5. Melvin Johnson	.....	0	1	0	1	x	1	1	1	1	9-5
6. Guy Rossi	.....	0	0	1	0	0	0	x	1	1	9-5
7. Franco Pasado	.....	0	0	1	0	0	x	0	1	1	9-6
8. Marvin Lomax	.....	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	8-6
9. Norman Hinton	.....	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	8-7
10. Fred R. Calkins	.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	8-7
11. Bob Ferguson	.....	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	x	8-7
12. Bill Hine	.....	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	x	6-9
13. Jim Cameron	.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	x	3-12
14. Willis Eastman	.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	x
15. Amir Sarem	.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	x
16. David Campbell	.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	x

COLUMBUS & CENTRAL OHIO CHAMPIONSHIP

Columbus, 1952										
1. Walter Mann	x	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	17-0
2. Vadim Voskresensky	x	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14-23
3. Robert Nimitz	0	x	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	13-13
4. Kurt L. Loening	0	0	x	0	1	1	1	1	1	13-4
5. Philip Rothman	0	0	0	x	1	0	1	1	1	11-5
6. John Pusecker	0	0	0	0	x	1	1	1	1	11-5
7. Jerome Cox	0	0	0	1	0	x	0	1	1	101-63
8. Lowell Ryan	0	0	0	0	1	x	0	1	1	95-73
9. Ed. Siebrecht	0	0	0	0	1	0	x	0	1	9-8
10. George Hudson	0	0	0	0	0	1	x	1	1	81-8
11. Leon Goodman	0	0	0	0	0	1	x	0	1	73-9
12. Richard De Cracker	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	x	0	6-11
13. Donald Bryant	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	51-113
14. Charles Horvath	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	x	1	51-113
15. W. R. Wood	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	5-12
16. Roy E. Bratzel	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	x	31-121
17. Gerard Platau	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	x	1
18. Don J. Glassmeyer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-17

RICHMOND CITY CHAMPIONSHIP

Richmond, 1952									
1. Thomas F. Pettigrew (Richmond, Va.)	x	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	43-5
2. Eugene Wachpress (New York, N. Y.)	0	x	1	1	1	1	1	1	4-1
3. C. L. Leake (Richmond)	0	0	x	1	1	1	1	1	3-2
4. William W. Chaffin (Richmond)	0	0	0	x	1	1	1	1	2-3
5. Dr. Rodney Baine (Richmond)	0	0	0	0	x	1	1	1	0-5
6. Raymond Cleek (Richmond)	0	0	0	0	0	x	1	1	1-3

PIERCE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

Washington, 1952									
1. Holmes	.....	W	W10	W8	W2	W3	W6	6-0	18.50
2. Cakarnis	.....	W12	W5	W9	L1	W4	D3	43-13	10.75
3. Leach	.....	W11	L8	W7	W6	L1	D2	33-23	10.25
4. Coubrough	.....	L1	D9	W5	W8	L2	W10	33-23	6.75
5. Dickey	.....	D8	L2	L4	W12	W11	W7	33-23	6.00
6. Hultman	.....	L3	W11	W10	L2	W9	L1	33-23	6.00
7. Faithful	.....	L10	W12	L3	W11	W8	L5	3-3	4.00
8. Belden 2-3 (6.50); 9. Dollie 2-4 (5.50); 10. Lee 2-4 (3.00); 11. Goodale 2-4 (2.00); 12. Traynor 0-5 (0.00).									

PUGET SOUND CHESS LEAGUE

Washington, 1951-52 Final Standings		
	Matches	Games
1. University of Washington	7-1	603-193
2. Seattle Chess Club	7-1	553-223
3. Tacoma YMCA Chess Club	6-2	45-35
4. Seattle YMCA Chess Club	4-3	39-31
5. Amidon's Chess Club	2-4	293-303
6. West Seattle Chess Club	2-6	29-49
7. Kitsap Chess Club	1-5	19-41
8. Everett Chess Club	1-5	23-56
9. Olympia Chess Club	1-4	17-33

PHILADELPHIA CHESS LEAGUE

Philadelphia, 1951-52		
Finals Standings, Section A		
	Matches	Games
1. North City Chess Club	22-13	73
2. Franklin Chess Club	20-10	5-1
3. Germantown YMCA Chess Club	17-13	33-23
4. University of Pennsylvania	14-15	2-4
5. North City Knights	14-16	3-3
6. Temple University Chess Club	10-20	2-4
7. Drexel Institute Chess Club	7-23	5-5

Final Standings, Section B		
	Matches	Games
1. Haverford College Chess Club	31-13	7-1
2. Germantown YMCA Chess Club	27-13	6-2
3. University of Pennsylvania, Blue	25-14	5-3
4. North City Rooks	23-16	5-2
5. Budd Red	21-19	43-33
6. University of Pennsylvania, Red	18-22	23-53
7. Budd Blue	17-23	33-41
8. Central YMCA Chess Club	12-27	2-6
9. Y.M.H.A. Chess Club	3-36	0-8

GREATER CHICAGO CHESS LEAGUE

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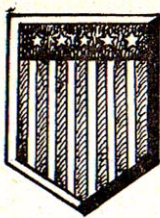
Chicago, 1951-52

Final Standings

	Matches	Games
1. Austin Chess & Checker Club	6-0	261-91
2. Latvian Chess Club	33-23	22-14
3. West Towns Chess Club	15-14	13-23
4. West Suburban Chess Club	1-5	103-253

Leading Individual Scorers

1. Mrs. Eva Aronson (Austin)	5-0	4. Valdis Tums (Latvians)	4-1
2. N. Aronson (Austin)	4-1	5. K. Burger (Austin)	4-2
3. John Tums (Latvians)	4-1	6. Kalnin (Latvians)	4-2



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EVANS AGAIN OPEN CHAMP!

POMAR TAKES SECOND PLACE, BYRNE, LeCORNU SHARE THIRD

Brasket, Hearst, Mengarini, McCormick And Pilnick Score 8-4 For Fifth

U. S. Champion Larry Evans retained the U. S. Open Championship title he won at Fort Worth in 1951 with a 10-2 score in the 76 player event at Tampa. The youthful U. S. Champion gained the lead in the fourth round and never thereafter lost command of the field, remaining at all time one-half point ahead of his nearest rivals. In retaining the title Evans lost no games but drew four.

Evans drew with Donald Byrne in the 7th round, with Arturito Pomar in the 8th, with Edgar T. McCormick in the 10th, and with James T. Sherwin in the 11th. His victories in round order were over John T. Westbrook, Lewis J. Isaacs, Arthur Carlyle, Karl Burger, Philip LeCornu, Anthony E. Santasiere, Carl Pilnick, and Herman Steiner. Nine of his 12 opponents finished among the first 20 in the tournament, while he drew with the runner-up, and drew and defeated the players tied for third.

Arturito Pomar of Spain was also undefeated in gaining second place with 9½-2½. Pomar drew with Byrne in the 4th, with Pilnick in the 5th, with Steiner in the 6th, with Evans in the 8th, and with LeCornu in the 9th round. He defeated Ivan Romanenko, A. J. Fink, Eliot Hearst, Reuben Klugman, Anthony Santasiere, K. R. Jones and James T. Sherwin.

Donald Byrne and Philip LeCornu scored 9-3 each. Byrne was also undefeated but drew with Pomar, Sherwin, Evans, Steiner and Pilnick. LeCornu drew with Sherwin, Steiner and Pomar but lost a game to Evans.

Scoring 8-4 each were Curt Brasket, Eliot Hearst, Dr. Ariel Mengarini, Edgar T. McCormick and Carl Pilnick, while Robert S. Brieger, Karl Burger, Juan Florido of Cuba, Edmar Mednis, Ivan Romanenko, and Anthony E. Santasiere scored 7½-4½ each. With 7-5 scores each to complete the 20 ranking players in the event were Miguel Colon of Puerto Rico, Jeremiah Donovan, Lee Magee, James T. Sherwin, and Herman Steiner.

The excitement of the tournament centered around the close race for first place with Evans in the lead after round four, but with Byrne consistently challenging the lead, sometimes in the company of Santasiere, Donovan, Pilnick and Pomar, but for most of the rounds alone. Equally interesting was the climb of Philip LeCornu from one and one-half points behind the leaders in round five to a tie with Byrne and Pomar in the semi-final round, only one-half point behind.

SET MSCA OUTING AT INDIAN HEAD

The Massachusetts State Ass'n semi-annual meeting and outing this year will be held, through the courtesy of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Hurvitz, at Indian Head Camp, Mattakeset Street, Pembroke, Mass. on Sunday, September 7.

Program begins at 9:30 with rapid transit chess. There will be tennis and softball for the youngsters, swimming and other sports for all; business meeting at 12:00 and East-West team match at 1:00 p. m. Bring your own picnic basket lunch and supper, your chess set, swimming suit, towel and camera, is the suggestion of the committee. Many motels in three mile radius provide overnight accommodations for those who do not wish to drive at night.

U. S. OPEN DRAWS FROM ALL OVER

Critics, who have insisted that the U. S. Open should always be centrally located to attract players, found little to justify their contention in the make-up of the 1952 U. S. Open Championship in Tampa, Fla., although the site could be described as one of the corners of the country. While, there have been bigger U. S. Opens in the matter of number of contestants, the field was comparably as strong as any recent event, and the geographic distribution of the 76 participants did not suggest that Tampa was to distant from any part of the USA.

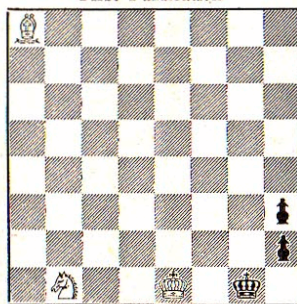
Players at the Open represented 19 states, two Canadian Provinces, Puerto Rico, Cuba, Columbia, and Spain. While Florida was well represented, as was to be expected, other players came from as distant spots as Maine, Massachusetts, California, Nebraska and Kansas.

The roll-call by States shows: California 4, Florida 10, Georgia 1, Illinois 6, Kansas 2, Maine 1, Massachusetts 1, Michigan 2, Minnesota 2, Mississippi 1, Nebraska 2, New Jersey 9, New Mexico 1, New York 16, North Carolina 1, Ohio 1, Pennsylvania 2, Texas 5, Wisconsin 1, Puerto Rico 3, Ontario, Canada 1, Quebec, Canada 1, Cuba 1, Columbia 1, and Spain 1.

EVANS, BYRNE TIED IN SPEED

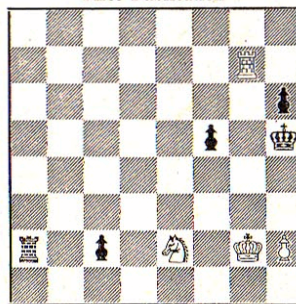
The annual U. S. Lightning Chess Championship, held at Tampa in conjunction with the U. S. Open, resulted in a triple tie for first between Larry Evans, 1951 U. S. Speed Champion, Donald Byrne, and James T. Sherwin with 8-2 each. In the play-offs Sherwin was eliminated, but neither Evans nor Byrne could gain an advantage and so remained Co-Champions in Lightning Chess for 1952.

Position No. 97
By Robert S. Brieger
Houston, Texas
First Publication



B7, 8, 8, 8, 8, 7p, 7p, 1S2K1k1
White to play and win

Position No. 98
By Eddie Gault
New Brighton, Pa.
First Publication



8, 6R1, 7p, 5p1k, 8, 8, 1r1S1K1P, 8
White to play and win

White To Play And Win!

Conducted by William Rojman

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POSITION No. 97 represents a subtle idea. Since White cannot prevent the queening of a Black pawn, nor even the loss of a White bishop, he must somehow utilize these weaknesses to his own advantage. The idea is not altogether new, but the setting and economy of force are excellent, while the solution is not easily found, even when the strategy is discovered.

Position No. 98 represents the first endgame composition of a young and ardent engame fan. Again economy in construction makes the setting admirable, while Black's threat of 1... P-B8(Q), pinning the White Kt at the same time, makes White's position critical.

For solutions, please turn to Page four.

EVANS COMPLETES U. S. CHESS TEAM

The appointment of Larry Evans to the U. S. Team scheduled to play in the Team Olympics at Helsinki, Finland, August 19 through August 31, completes the designation of six players for the team. The membership now consists of U. S. Champion Larry Evans, former U. S. Champions Samuel Reshevsky and Herman Steiner, Hans Berliner, Arthur Bisguier, and Robert Byrne. The first three served on the U. S. Team at Dubrovnik which Steiner captained.

It is said, although not yet officially confirmed, that after the Team Tournament, Larry Evans and Arthur Bisguier will represent the USA (FIDE Zone 4) in the Interzonal Tournament at Stockholm, an event which will qualify the ranking players for participation in the World Championship Candidates' Tournament in 1953.

ROGAN CAPTURES SOUTHERN OPEN

Marvin Rogan won the annual Southern Chess Association Open Championship at Meridian, Miss., with 6½-½ in a 23 player Swiss event. Rogan drew with runner-up F. R. Payne in the 5th round.

F. R. Payne was second with 6-1, drawing with Rogan and with C. P. Gray. Third place went to H. A. Mouzon with 5½-1½, losing a game to Rogan and drawing with John Koen.

Fourth to sixth on S-B points with equal 4½-2½ scores were C. P. Gray, John Koen, and Ben Rudich.

The tournament did not have as many participants as usual, but was capably directed by H. A. Mouzon.

HOWARTH WRITES HIS REFLECTIONS

John Ed Howarth, well known in chess circles as a correspondence player of strength and as a CHESS LIFE annotator, has recently published in mimeographed form a series of reflections entitled "On the Acquisition of Freedom." It is not perhaps generally known that Howarth, a friend of the unfortunate William J. Couture, has been an inmate of Howard State Prison for many years.

Those interested in the sociological problems involved in what makes crime, as well as those concerned in learning what confinement can do in developing the power of thought and the gift of philosophy will find this essay exceedingly interesting, as will those correspondence opponents of Mr. Howarth who may be curious concerning his outlook upon life. Those interested may obtain the essay "On the Acquisition of Freedom" by writing John Ed. Howarth, P.O. Box 114, Howard, R.I., enclosing \$1 to help pay the cost of mimeographing.

SHAFFER TOPS ASHEVILLE MEET

Edward E. Shaffer won the Asheville Woodpusher Tourney 12½-1½ in an eight player round robin event, losing one game to H. A. Woodward and drawing one game with Jerry Jones in the double round meet.

H. A. Woodward placed second with 12-2, while Maj. G. H. B. Terry and Jerry Jones tied for third with 7½-6½ each.

Jerry Jones won, a 40-player knockout event for championship of Asheville High Schools.

JANES TAKES DALLAS EVENT

The Dallas Invitational (Class A) Tournament drew 14 contestants in its bid for staging a strong event, primarily for rating purposes, in which all participants would be Class A or better in USCF National Ratings.

Victory with 4-1 on S-B points went to Bill Janes of Leroy who participated in the 1948 U. S. Championship event at South Fallsburg. Janes lost one game to R. L. Garver. Jack L. Hursch of Denver also scored 4-1, losing only to Janes. Hursch was a participant in the first U. S. Junior Championship in Chicago in 1946. Third place went to Blake Stevens with 3½-1½, losing to Garver and drawing with William Bills.

Fourth and fifth on S-B points with equal 3-2 scores were R. L. Garver and John B. Payne. Garver lost to Hursch and Bills. Payne lost to Hursch and drew with Louis J. Dina and Robert B. Potter. The event was staged by the Dallas Chess Club under the direction of Fred C. Tears, Jr.

MEKUS REPEATS AT CHAUTAUQUA

Robert L. Mekus successfully defended his Chautauqua County Championship with 10½-1½ in a double round event at Jamestown and Dunkirk, N.Y. Mekus lost one game to runner-up Axel Anderson and drew one game against Henry Anderson. Axel Anderson scored 6½-5½ for second place, while William Wilcock placed third with 6-6 in the seven player event.

HAND TRIUMPHS IN CONNECTICUT

In the 24 player 8 round Swiss event, Edmund E. Hand emerged victorious with 7-1, conceding one loss to Herbert Kaufman, but besting runner-up James Bolton, 1950 New England Champion, and Latvian John Pamiljens, who used to play chess with Paul Keres. Bolton placed second with 6½-1½, losing to Hand and drawing with Kaufman. Kaufman was third with 5½-2½, losing to Robert Mitchell, a former Connecticut State Champion, and drawing with Joseph Calpis, Bolton, and Richard Friedenthal.

Fourth to seventh on S-B points with equal 5-3 scores were John Pamiljens, Karl Kochman, Bertil Clareus, a former State Champion, and Arvid Klavins.

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A DAY OF DECISION

THE trust that the members of the Federation have confided in their Board of Directors was not betrayed in Tampa this July. Faced with a serious decision for the future, the Board did not beg the question, but confronted the facts resolutely and met the problems of the Federation with intelligence and courage.

Too much business of importance was transacted for even a concise resume at this time, when details are still lacking on many points. It will suffice to announce at this time the one outstanding decision, and report at a later date upon other important actions.

The USCF Board of Directors adopted in principle a detailed program for promotion of the Federation, designed by Rating Statistician Kenneth Harkness in a remarkable 19-page report. In adopting the program, the Board placed full authority for arranging the details in a committee consisting of A. Wyatt Jones, chairman, Frank R. Graves, William M. Byland, Edgar T. McCormick, and Herman Steiner.

This committee, in executive session with Kenneth Harkness, determined to appoint Mr. Harkness as Business Manager and Membership Secretary for the Federation for a term of five years beginning August 1, 1952. Mr. Harkness will be charged with implementing the promotional plan which he designed.

Details of the promotional plan will be announced later. Suffice it to say that they envision a consistent drive for membership coupled with advertising and promotion on a national scale. As a part of the general plan, CHESS LIFE will be increased in scope and size probably sometime in 1953.

So enthusiastic were the members of the Board, that at the Board Meeting a sum of \$850.00 was pledged by various individual members (with \$225.00 paid on the spot) to finance the opening stages of the promotional plan.

Other features of the promotional structure include a closer union of effort between the Federation and its State Chapters under NCCP with increased benefit to both, together with the probable publication in the near future of several important and needed chess works, such as the long promised USCF Club Manual.

This is a beginning; but success will not come from the incessant labors of a few, if the bulk of chess players remain indifferent. Only if all chess players lend their strength to the movement, can we count upon success.

Montgomery Major

DALLAS INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT

Dallas, 1952

1. Bill Jones (Leroy, Tex.)	W7	W2	W3	L4	W6	4-1	11.50
2. Jack L. Hirsch (Denver, Colo.)	W14	L1	L6	W5	W4	4-1	8.50
3. Blake Stevens (San Antonio, Tex.)	W12	L6	W7	W10	3-3	11	8.25
4. R. L. Garver (Tulsa, Okla.)	L9	W3	W1	L2	3-2	10.00	
5. John B. Payne (San Antonio, Tex.)	D9	D7	W13	L2	W8	3-2	6.00
6. William Bills (Houston, Tex.)	L7	D3	L2	W11	L1	2-2	6.75
7. Louis J. Dina (St. Worth, Tex.)	L7	D3	W9	L3	W13	2-2	5.00
8. Gustav Jurevics (Dallas, Tex.)	W11	W13	L1	D10	L5	2-2	4.25
9. Robert B. Potter (Dallas, Tex.)	D5	L4	L7	W14	W12	2-2	3.50
10. George H. Smith (Houston, Tex.)	L13	W14	W11	D9	L3	2-2	3.25
11. Robert Briggs (Houston, Tex.)	L8	W12	L10	L6	W14	2-2	2.00
12. Leslie Gietzler (San Antonio, Tex.)	L11	W14	W13	L9	2-3	1.00	
13. W. T. Strange (Dallas, Tex.)	W10	L8	L5	L12	L7	1-4	2.50
14. Bert Brice-Nash (Rogers, Ark.)	L2	L10	F	F	0-5	0.00	

Brice-Nash withdrew after first two rounds.

CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

Jamestown, Dunkirk, 1952

1. Robert L. Mekus (Jamestown)	x	1	2	2	2	13	103-13
2. Axel Anderson (Jamestown)	x	1	1	1	1	13	61-63
3. William Wilcock (Jamestown)	0	1	x	1	1	2	6-5
4. Robert Eklund (Dunkirk)	0	1	x	1	1	3	5-7
5. Walter Mekus (Dunkirk)	0	1	1	x	1	1	5-7
6. Helge Bergquist (Jamestown)	0	1	0	1	x	2	44-73
7. Henry Anderson (Fredonia)	0	1	1	1	0	x	44-73

CONNECTICUT STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Connecticut, 1952

1. E. E. Hand (West Haven)	W2	W20	W13	W6	W5	W4	L3	7-1	33.00
2. J. Bolton (New Haven)	L1	W23	W14	D3	W15	W10	W5	W8	64-13
3. H. Kaufman (New Haven)	W14	D19	L8	D2	W13	D9	W12	W7	58-24
4. J. Familjens (Hartford)	L6	L12	W9	W17	W14	W7	L1	W10	21-59
5. K. Kockman (Hartford)	L8	W18	W20	W12	W6	L1	L2	W15	5-3
6. Bertil Clavens (Hartford)	W4	W24	W7	L1	L5	L11	W15	W14	5-3
7. Arvid Klavins (Hartford)	W22	W9	L6	W15	L10	L4	W17	W12	5-3
8. R. Mitchell (Warehouse Pt.)	W5	D13	W7	W13	L1	L2	W9	L2	43-33
9. R. Friedland (Southbury)	L3	W18	W12	W9	D3	L8	W16	43-33	16-25
10. B. Owens (New Haven)	L15	W17	D19	W22	W7	L2	W11	L4	43-33
11. L. Krozel (Andover)	W18	L13	L12	D19	W22	W6	L10	W20	43-33
12. N. Raymond (Hartford)	L13	W4	W11	L5	W20	W8	L3	L7	4-4
13. G. Prohl (Yale Univ.)	W12	W11	L8	L3	L15	W21	W19	4-4	13.00
14. W. Donahue (Hartford)	D16	L2	W24	L4	W19	W20	L6	4-4	10.50
15. Stanley Wysowski (Westbrook)	34-43 (14.25);	16. Bear (Easthampton)	34-43 (7.50);	17. Rudolph Rhomburg (Northford)	34-43 (5.25);	18. Levison (Connecticut Univ.)	34-43 (5.25);	19. Joseph Clapis (Hartford)	3-5 (10.00);
20. Roland Stahl (Connecticut Univ.)	3-5 (6.50);	21. Silverman (Connecticut Univ.)	13-63 (1.75);	22. Marcovski (Hartford)	13-63 (1.75);	23. Gus Gunderson (Seymour)	1-7 (1.50);	24. Alvin Chain (New Haven)	1-7 (1.00).

Mate The Subtle Way!

by Vincent L. Eaton

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PROBLEM No. 348 in our last issue was incorrectly diagrammed, but the Forsyth notation was correct. The position should be as follows: 2qR4, 1rplp1SK, 3s1B2, 2s1R2p, 3k4, S3b3, 2P1B3, 1b2Q3. Mate in two.

From time to time people ask us to explain how to read the Forsyth notation, which appears under each diagram as a check on whether the position is printed accurately. In this system, capital letters (K, Q, etc.) denote White pieces and small letters (k, q, etc.) Black men. The symbol "S" or "s" denotes a White or Black Knight. Beginning with the upper left-hand corner square and reading from left to right, then moving downward rank by rank in the same way, the position of each piece is indicated, together with the number of blank squares encountered as one scans the ranks. A little practice will give you the "hang" of this very convenient method of recording positions.

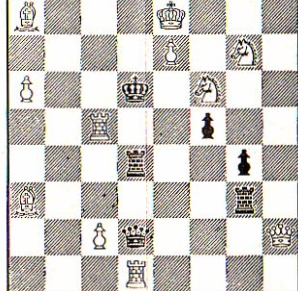
Problem No. 351

By F. Gamage

1st Prize, "American Chess

Bulletin," 1940

Black: 6 men



White: 11 men
B3K3, 4P1S1, P2k1S2, 2R2p2, 3r2p1,
B5r1, 2Pq3Q, 3R4
White mates in two moves

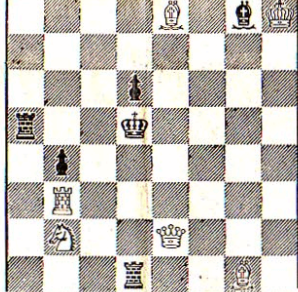
Problem No. 353

By T. Lundberg

"Chess Correspondent"

1946

Black: 6 men



White: 6 men
4B1bK, 8, 3p4, r2k4, 1p6, 1R6,
1S2Q3, 3R2B1
White mates in two moves

For solutions to previously published problems, please turn to page four.

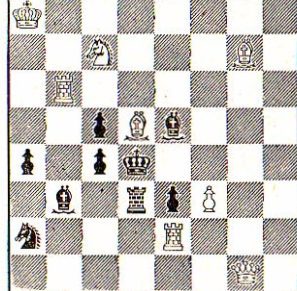
Problem No. 352

By O. Stocchi

1st Prize "Problemisten"

1948

Black: 9 men



White: 8 men
K7, 2S3B1, 1R6, 2PbB3, 1p4k4, 1b1rP2,
s3R3, 6Q1
White mates in two moves

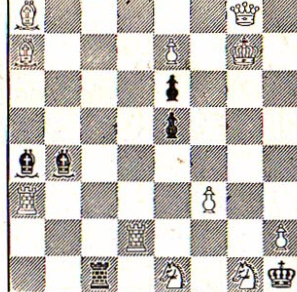
Problem No. 354

By S. Pugaesev

1st Prize, USSR Tourney

1950

Black: 6 men



White: 11 men
B5Q1, B3P1K1, 4p3, 4p3, bb6, R4P2,
3R3P, 2r1S1K
White mates in three moves

For The Tournament-Minded

August 22-24

South Carolina Open Championship

Columbia, S. C.

At Wade Hampton Hotel; 5 round Swiss; begins 7:00 p.m. August 22; open to all; entry fee \$3.00; prizes; play in air-conditioned Palmetto Room; top S. C. player becomes State Champion; for details, write: Lanneau Foster, 1704 Green St., Columbia, S. C.

August 29-September 1

New England Championship

Newburyport, Mass.

Open to all New England residents, including students attending New England schools; begins 7:30 p.m. Friday August 29; 6 round Swiss; first prize \$100.; a rated tournament; held at Newburyport YMCA, 13 Market St.; for details write: O. A. Lester, Jr., 63 High St., Newburyport, Mass.

August 30-September 1

Pennsylvania State Championship

Somerset, Penna.

At Manor Hill Hotel; 7 round Swiss; open to all residents of Pennsylvania or members of Pennsylvania Chess Clubs; at least \$150.00 in cash prizes plus merchandise prizes for top 15; begins 1:00 p.m. August 30; round robin Rapid Transit to be held at 8:00 p.m. on August 29; for details, write: Everett A. Coons, 722 Broad Street, Sewickley, Pa.

August 23-September 1

New York State Championship

Cazenovia, N. Y.

Open to all; held at Cazenovia Seminary; 9 round Swiss championship with entry fee \$10.00, four cash prizes, first prize \$100.00; Experts tourney, entry fee \$5.00, first prize \$50.00; Swiss or round robin; Genesee and Susquehanna Cup team matches; mail entries postmarked no later than August 18 to Harold M. Phillips, 258 Broadway, New York City; all entrants must be members of NYSCA; for details, write: John C. Cummings, 208 West Beard Ave., Syracuse 5, N. Y.

August 30-September 1

2nd Annual Midwest Open

Championship

Omaha, Nebraska

Open to all; 6 round Swiss; entry fee \$5.00 (including membership in Nebraska Chess Ass'n); cash prizes; for details write: Nebraska Chess Ass'n, 317 YMCA Bldg., Omaha 2, Nebr.

August 30-September 1

West Virginia Championship

Beckley, W. Va.

At Beckley Elks Club; open to all chess players, state title to ranking W. Va. player; championship and other divisions; air-conditioned playing room; for details, write: Harlow Warren, Beckley, W. Va.

Alekhine's Early Chess Career

Additional Data
By A. Buschke

V. ALEKHINE IN SOVIET-LAND

ALEKHINE is not among the signers of the "ultimatum" of the chess masters threatening a strike, which was mentioned in the preceding installment (CHESS LIFE, May 5, 1952).

However, Ilyin-Zhenevsky makes it quite clear, although in rather cautious language, that it was not a particular pleasure to have Alekhine on the Organizational Committee for the Chess Olympics of 1920. In fact, he as well as Grekov, who was also on the committee, seem to have caused the organizers "who tore themselves to pieces" (Ilyin-Zhenevsky, l.c.p. 43) quite a lot of headaches.

Grekov stayed lately somehow away from work and Alekhine proudly announced that with the start of the championship he refused to take any part whatsoever in things of an organizational character. (Ilyin-Zhenevsky, l.c.p. 43)

In connection with the strike threat, Ilyin-Zhenevsky reports, l.c.p. 44:

Alekhine, being a member of the organizational committee and knowing full well our difficulties, instead of making an effort to settle the conflict or to assist us with some advice, even poured oil on the fire by declaring that he, too, would refrain from playing because "the cannot play with hungry opponents."

Alekhine himself mentions, on p. XI of his "Schachleben in Sowjet-Russland," "ultimative statements" of the out-of-town ("auswärtige") participants, and refers obviously to the strike threat mentioned before when he states:

The contests started on the 4th (sc., of October, 1920) and were terminated on the 25th of October without incidents (not counting another "ultimatum" of the out-of-town participants—with a deadline of 24 hours—who demanded, under threat of withdrawal, and received the provisioning with smoking supplies ("Zuweisung von Rauchmaterial").

However, he does not mention his behind-the-scenes part in these negotiations. We have it from what we consider a quite reliable source that there were more "bad things" . . . (known) . . . about his activities, especially in these troubled years 1919-1920" of which "some indications" can be found in Ilyin-Zhenevsky's little book "where he also does not say everything."

It is all the more to the eternal credit of Ilyin-Zhenevsky that, under such circumstances, the tournament could be conducted and finished as scheduled from October 3 to 20, 1920, featuring the Championship Tournament with 16 participants as well as an "amateurs' tournament" with 27 participants (including Alekhine's brother Aleksey). The latter was played in three groups and a winners' group of the 9 best (winner: Vygodchikov, after tie-breaking match of two games with Klitskin, the "inventor" of "Alekhine's Defense! Aleksey Alekhine from Kharkov, Ukraine, third).

Unfortunately, no tournament book was ever published(*) and only a few games have been discovered. In a report given in no. 3 (May 8, 1921) of "Listok Shakhmatnogo Kruzhka Petrogubkom-muny," the first very modest chess magazine of Soviet Russia published for a short time and considered as the forerunner of the still existing "Shakhmaty v SSSR," it has been pointed out that the tournament was of "tremendous importance for the Art of Chess." Likewise, M. S. Kogan, in his fundamental work, "Sketches on the History of Chess in the USSR" (in Russian, 1938), p. 241, claims that:

the Moscow Olympics, in their time, played a great agitational part and set the reorganizing of local chess activities in action.

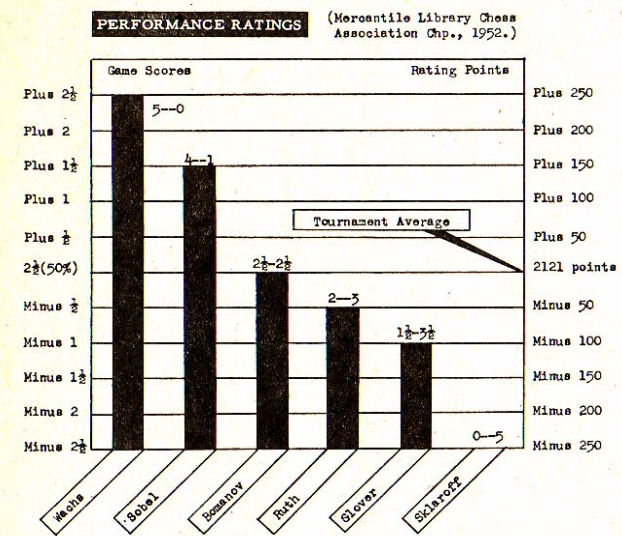
(Please turn to page 4, col. 5)

How the Rating System Works

By KENNETH HARKNESS

USCF Rating Statistician

(Kenneth Harkness, co-author of "An Invitation to Chess" and author of "Invitation to Bridge," is the inventor of the mathematical rating system adopted by the USCF to rank American chessplayers. In this series, Mr. Harkness explains the mechanics of the system.—The Editor.)



This chart shows how performance ratings, based on game scores instead of percentages, were issued to the players in the finals of the Mercantile Library Chess Association Championship, 1952

6. Rating Short Tournaments

WHEN a tournament has ten or more rounds, the performance ratings are issued in proportion to the percentage scores; but this relationship cannot be maintained successfully when rating shorter tournaments. As the number of rounds decreases, ratings based on percentages become less and less accurate.

The natural inclination of a statistician is to reject competitive events that do not furnish data in sufficient quantities to use percentages. Fortunately, the popularity of short tournaments in the United States has forced us to labor and bring forth a practical method of evaluating performances in these contests. A new measurement scale makes it possible for us to rate competitions with any number of rounds from one to nine, and opens the way to rate team tournaments and matches, hitherto impossible.

The development of this yardstick required several weeks of unpaid labor in tests and experiments, but the result is beguilingly simple.

U. S. OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Tampa, 1952

1. Larry Evans (New York, N. Y.)	W49	W42	W43	W10	W4	W11	D3	D2	W5	D6	D16	W17	10-2	73.25	
2. Arturo Pomar (Madrid, Spain)	W13	W39	W3	D3	D5	D17	W26	D1	D4	W11	W27	W16	9-2	70.50	
3. Donald Byrne (New York, N. Y.)	W24	W28	W58	D2	D16	W9	D1	W18	D7	W10	W3	W12	9-3	66.75	
4. P. C. LeClerc (New York, N. Y.)	W51	W38	W7	D16	L1	W37	D17	W9	D2	W42	W6	D3	9-3	61.75	
5. Carl Pilnick (New York, N. Y.)	D20	W21	W12	W27	D2	D16	W6	W13	L1	W17	D3	L8	8-4	59.75	
6. E. T. McCormick (E. Orange, N. J.)	W50	W70	D27	W19	L11	W12	L5	W22	W18	D1	L4	W21	8-4	53.25	
7. Curt Braskett (Tracy, Minn.)	W48	W33	L4	L18	W41	D8	D29	W14	D28	W40	W22	W20	8-4	53.00	
8. Eliot Hearn (New York, N. Y.)	W51	W46	L2	W47	L17	D7	W40	D11	W16	D3	L11	D1	8-4	53.00	
9. Dr. A. Mengarini (New York)	L16	W27	W39	W58	W10	L3	W55	L4	L27	W50	W37	W18	8-4	45.50	
10. Karl Burger (New York, N. Y.)	W35	W61	W20	L1	L9	D39	W24	W21	L12	D17	D14	W34	7-5	49.75	
11. A. E. Santasiere (New York)	W52	D12	W67	W45	W6	L1	L18	W16	D8	L2	W40	D13	7-5	47.50	
12. R. S. Brieger (Houston, Tex.)	W47	D11	W5	W31	W56	L6	W35	W19	D17	W10	W44	W49	7-5	45.25	
13. An Romanenko (Plainfield, N. J.)	L2	W73	W61	W34	D26	W14	D16	L5	D38	W49	D8	L1	7-5	45.00	
14. Edmar Mednis (New York, N. Y.)	W30	L17	D42	D37	W46	L13	W59	L7	W55	D38	W29	D10	7-5	44.25	
15. Juan Florin (Havana, Cuba)	W60	D45	W53	L17	W25	L18	W39	L8	L40	W51	W48	W27	7-5	43.75	
16. J. T. Sherwin (New York, N. Y.)	W9	W25	W17	D4	D3	D5	D13	L11	W30	D8	D1	L2	7-5	42.50	
17. H. S. Weiner (Los Angeles, Calif.)	W73	W14	L16	W15	W3	D2	W38	L10	D4	L10	L1	L1	7-5	42.25	
18. F. Donovan (New York, N. Y.)	W41	L43	W63	W7	D37	W15	W11	L3	L6	D20	W30	L9	7-5	40.50	
19. A. C. Ludwig (Omaha, Nebr.)	D22	W29	W40	L6	D28	W61	D21	L12	D44	D26	D34	W42	7-5	40.25	
20. Lee T. Magee (Omaha, Nebr.)	D5	W57	L10	W60	D21	D29	W43	D26	D49	D18	W42	L7	7-5	40.25	
21. Miguel Colon (San Juan, P. R.)	D57	L5	W60	W66	D20	W47	D19	L10	W36	D22	W38	L6	7-5	40.00	
22. M. Fleischer (New York, N. Y.)	D19	L37	W38	L25	W70	W44	W54	L6	W46	D21	L7	W40	7-5	39.00	
23. W. A. Bills (Houston, Tex.)	L61	L47	W75	L41	W48	W53	L28	W56	D32	W33	D26	W38	7-5	37.00	
24. C. Sharp (W. Scarborough, Maine)	L3	W66	D49	L40	W69	W56	L10	D25	W54	L30	D50	W37	7-5	36.25	
25. I. Zalyis (Montreal, Canada)	W65	L16	D54	W22	L15	L32	W33	D24	L29	W66	W49	W58	7-5	32.25	
26. R. Klugman (New York, N. Y.)	D37	D31	W30	W43	D13	W54	L2	D26	L49	D23	D34	D30	6-5	41.75	
27. R. E. Jones (Chicago, Ill.)	W76	W34	W9	L54	W9	L54	W9	L12	L58	W12	D34	D30	6-5	40.00	
28. Mrs. G. Platiorsky (Los Angeles)	W64	L3	W31	D56	D19	L38	W23	D54	D7	L37	W59	D29	6-5	37.75	
29. Ralph Hurlbert (Nylon, N. J.)	W66	L19	W68	L46	W30	D20	D7	L42	W25	W55	L14	D28	6-5	38.75	
30. C. C. Crittenden (Raleigh, N. C.)	L14	W26	L26	W32	L29	W71	W67	L37	L16	W24	L18	D31	6-5	35.75	
31. R. Clinton (San Juan, P. R.)	D44	D26	L28	L12	D63	W62	L27	W40	W36	D22	W38	L6	7-5	34.25	
32. M. Yatron (Reading, Pa.)	L43	W34	D46	L30	W36	W25	D37	L55	D23	L48	W56	W44	6-5	33.75	
33. Leo Kupersmith (New York)	W55	L7	L47	D36	L35	W65	L25	W66	W62	L23	W51	W48	6-5	32.75	
34. N. Hernandez (Tampa, Fla.)	W40	L27	W55	L13	L38	D52	D56	W43	W59	D46	D19	D26	6-5	30.75	
35. H. B. Daly (West Roxbury, Mass.)	L10	L41	W62	D67	W33	W58	L12	L27	W71	L44	W65	W45	6-5	31.50	
36. R. C. Eastwood (Homestead, Fla.)	L39	L44	W48	D33	L32	W60	W58	W39	D22	W45	L30	D50	6-5	29.75	
37. Dr. Koelsche (Rochester, Minn.)	D26	W22	W41	D14	D18	L4	D32	L30	W64	W28	L9	L24	6-6	37.75	
38. W. Grombacher (Chicago, Ill.)	W74	L4	L22	W73	W34	W28	W49	L17	D13	D14	L21	L23	6-6	33.00	
39. A. J. Fink (San Francisco, Calif.)	W36	L2	L9	W63	W43	L10	L15	L46	D56	W64	W55	6-6	32.75		
40. A. R. Spiller (Los Angeles, Calif.)	L34	W76	L19	W24	D58	W46	L8	W63	W15	D7	L11	L22	6-6	32.00	
41. W. A. Scott (Atlanta, Ga.)	L18	W35	L37	W23	L7	L42	L50	W32	W41	W45	W45	W45	6-6	31.50	
42. L. J. Isaacs (Chicago, Ill.)	W59	L1	L14	L44	W72	W41	W45	W29	W26	L4	L20	L19	6-6	29.75	
43. A. Carlyle (St. Petersburg, Fla.)	W32	W18	L1	L26	L39	W50	L20	F34	F53	W67	W73	6-6	26.50		
44. J. D. Mager (Plainfield, N. J.)	D31	W36	L45	W42	L47	L22	W52	D39	D19	W35	L12	L42	5-6	33.75	
45. W. M. Byland (Pittsburgh, Pa.)	W68	D15	W44	L11	D49	L45	L42	D48	D51	W36	D46	L35	5-6	31.25	
46. James Barry (Detroit, Mich.)	D32	L28	D22	W29	L14	L40	W51	W39	D24	D44	D49	D49	5-6	29.75	
47. Svend H. Olsson (Chicago, Ill.)	L12	W23	W33	L8	W44	L21	D63	L36	L51	L65	W69	W62	5-6	29.75	
48. G. L. Weaver (Clinton, Ont., Can.)	L7	L63	L36	W74	L23	W68	W71	D45	W39	W32	L15	L33	5-6	26.25	
49. J. T. Westbrock (New York, N. Y.)	L1	W74	D24	W70	D45	W67	L38	W57	D20	L13	L25	L12	5-6	26.25	
50. P. J. Lavender (San Juan, P. R.)	L6	L3	W74	L55	W68	L70	W76	L30	W73	L19	W53	W53	5-6	24.75	
51. C. B. Seidey (Salina, Kans.)	L3	L36	D62	W75	W70	L4	W58	W37	L15	L33	W65	W65	5-6	23.25	
52. R. J. Seidey (Cincinnati, Ohio)	L11	W75	L68	W68	L61	D34	L44	L62	L65	W74	W66	W59	5-6	23.25	
53. M. R. Rohland (Milwaukee, Wis.)	W75	D67	L15	D57	L35	L23	L64	W72	W43	L31	W63	D50	5-6	17.25	
54. E. J. Van Sweden (Grand Rapids)	L70	W50	D25	W69	W27	L26	L22	D28	L44	D60	W58	L41	5-7	27.75	
55. E. M. Faust (So. Plainfield, N. J.)	L15	D59	L21	D20	W76	W65	W69	L31	D72	D54	D70	W45	5-7	22.25	
56. W. D. Drexler (New York, N. Y.)	W68	L52	W58	D28	L12	L24	D34	L23	W46	D39	L32	D60	5-7	26.00	
57. F. Borges (Upper Montclair, N. J.)	D21	L20	W59	D53	L67	W66	W61	L49	L50	L62	L41	W70	5-7	24.25	
58. D. Fischelmer (Chicago, Ill.)	W63	W56	L3	L9	D40	L35	F36	L51	W68	W64	L25	5-7	23.50		
59. J. M. Moulden (Dallas, Tex.)	L42	D60	L57	W75	W65	W27	L14	D44	L34	W67	L28	L52	5-7	22.25	
60. E. M. Faust (So. Plainfield, N. J.)	L15	D59	L21	D20	W76	W66	W69	L31	D72	D54	D70	W45	5-7	18.00	
61. C. A. Lyon (Peoria, Ill.)	W23	L10	L13	W64	W52	L19	L57	L50	L56	L41	W71	D63	4-7	43.75	
62. Jack Shaw (Sante Fe, N. M.)	L56	L69	L35	D51	W64	L31	W70	W32	L33	W57	L36	L47	4-7	21.75	
63. A. Montano (Tampa, Fla.)	L58	W48	L18	L39	D31	W69	D47	L40	L67	W73	L53	D61	4-7	21.25	
64. E. P. Leibelztern (St. Petersburg)	L28	L32	W51	L61	L62	W72	W53	W67	L37	L53	L68	D47	4-7	20.50	
65. L. A. Brown (So. Orange, N. J.)	L25	L58	D71	W76	L59	L33	L60	W72	W61	W20	W47	W55	4-7	15.75	
66. L. E. J. Marques (Barranquilla, Columbia)	L29	L24	D72	L21	W74	L57	W65	L33	W69	L25	L52	W67	4-7	17.75	
67. P. G. Haley (Sarnia, Ont., Can.)	W69	D53	L11	D35	W57	L49	L30	L64	W63	L59	L43	L66	4-8	19.50	
68. B. F. Lopez (Tampa, Fla.)	L45	W55	L29	L52	L50	L44	L63	L60	W73	L66	W68	L47	D2	4-8	15.75
69. E. F. Laucks (W. Orange, N. J.)	L67	W62	D70	L54	L24	L63	L60	W73	L66	W68	L47	D2	4-8	15.75	
70. W. F. B. Cleverger (Port Tampa City, Fla.)	W54	L6	D69	L49	L22	L51	L62	L65	W66	W71	D60	L57	4-8	13.00	
71. K. Weber (Salina, Kans.)	L4	L55	D65	D72	W73	L80	L48	W74	L35	L70	L61	L75	3-8	12.75	
72. J. B. Gibson, Jr. (Tampa, Fla.)	L46	L9	D66	L75	W68	L70	W76	L30	W73	L19	W53	W53	3-8	8.75	
73. B. E. Roberson (Tampa, Fla.)	L17	L13	W76	L38	L71	L74	D68	L69	W75	L63	bye	bye	3-8	5.00	
74. F. R. Graves (Ft. Worth, Tex.)	L38	L49	L50	L48	L66	W73	W75	L71	L41	L52	D72	D72	bye	3-8	4.25
75. Mac Palmer (Tampa, Fla.)	L53	F52	L33	L59	L51	L76	F74	bye	L73	D72	L68	bye	2-10	3.50	
76. J. A. Creighton (Corpus Christi)	L27	L40	L73	L65	L60	W75	F72	Withdraw					1-11	2.00	

We just substitute game scores for percentage scores. As before, a 50% score earns the tournament average; but for each half-game above or below an even score, a player gets the average plus or minus 50 rating points. This puts a necessary brake on the number of points that can be won or lost in a short tournament or match.

Applying this modification of the rules to the Championship of the Mercantile Library Chess Association in Philadelphia this year, performance ratings were issued as shown in the table below and in the chart at the top of the page.

Player	Score	Performance Rating
Wachs	5-0 (21 pts. above 50%)	2371 (250 pts. above average)
Sobel	4-1 (11 pts. above 50%)	2271 (150 pts. above average)
Romanov	2-2 (50%)	2121 (average)
Ruth	2-2 (1 pt. below 50%)	2071 (50 pts. below average)
Glover	1-3 (1 pt. below 50%)	2021 (100 pts. below average)
Sklaroff	0-5 (21 pts. below 50%)	1871 (250 pts. below average)

Bomanov made a 50% score of 2½-2½ and received the tournament average of 2121. Wachs and Sobel earned the average plus 50 points for each half-game above 50%, the winner gaining the maximum of 250 points for his perfect 5-0 score. Ruth, Glover and Sklaroff received the tournament average less 50 points for each half-game below an even score.

Under the old rules, this tournament would have been thrown out as unrateable. If performance ratings were issued on percentage scores, Wachs would get 2621 points for winning only five games in a club championship. This would be absurd, when compared with the ratings earned at such events as the U.S. Open and U.S. Championship. Under the new rules, however, the contest can be rated. The winner's performance rating of 2371 points is in keeping with the strength of the competition and the number of games played. Similar logical results have been obtained in rating a large number of tournaments since the adoption of the new scale in 1951. Two more examples are given below:

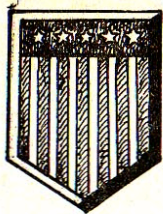
Player	Score	Performance Rating
Herzberger	5-2 (31 pts. above 50%)	2020 (150 above average)
Candee	4-2 (11 pt. above 50%)	1970 (100 above average)
Kramer	4-2 (1 pt. above 50%)	1970 (100 above average)
Noonan	3-3 (50%)	1870 (average)
Winans	2-4 (1 pt. below 50%)	1770 (100 below average)
Hughert	1-6 (21 pts. below 50%)	1620 (250 below average)
Parks	0-7 (21 pts. below 50%)	1520 (350 below average)

For his perfect score of 7-0, the winner earned the maximum for a seven-round tournament—350 points above average.

Player	Score	Performance Rating
Gutekunst	8-0 (4 pts. above 50%)	2240 (400 above average)
Mack	5-2 (11 pts. above 50%)	1970 (100 above average)
Herrmann	4-3 (1 pt. above 50%)	1890 (50 above average)
Young	4-4 (50%)	1840 (average)
Pierce	3-5 (1 pt. below 50%)	1740 (100 below average)
Hertz	1-6 (21 pts. below 50%)	1590 (250 below average)
Gebhard	1-6 (21 pts. below 50%)	1590 (250 below average)
Raudenbush	1-6 (21 pts. below 50%)	1590 (250 below average)

For his perfect score of 8-0, the winner earned the maximum for an eight-round tournament—400 points above average.

(This is the sixth of a series of articles by Mr. Harkness. The seventh will appear in the next issue of CHESS



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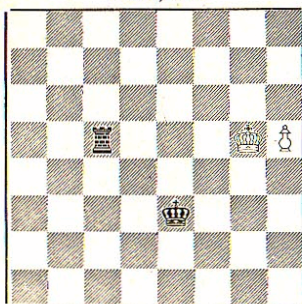
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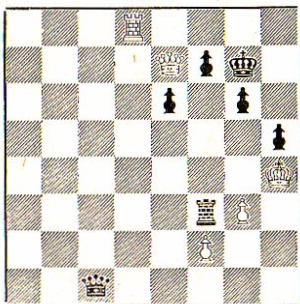
U. S. TEAM HELSINKI-BOUND

Position No. 87
Shustov vs. Slastenin
USSR, 1951



8, 8, 8, 2r3KP, 8, 4k3, 8, 8
White to play and draw

Position No. 88
Lazdin vs. Zemitis
USSR



3R4, 4Qpkl, 4p1pl, 7p, 7K
5rP1, 5P2, 2q5
White to play and draw

Finish It The Clever Way!

Conducted by Edmund Nash

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THE two positions above were obtained from the June issue of the Soviet chess monthly Shakhmaty. Quite instructive is Position No. 87 where of four possible White King moves to protect the Pawn only one leads to a draw!

In position No. 88, where White is two pawns behind and threatened with mate, there is a forced draw in five moves.

For solutions please turn to Page four.

To The USCF Membership

AT the Tampa meeting, the Board of Directors of the USCF approved in principle a promotional plan proposed by Mr. Kenneth Harkness of New York, and appointed a committee to work with Mr. Harkness in putting the plan into effect.

One of the features of this plan is to raise the dues to \$5.00 on a straight annual—not calendar year—basis, with proportional changes in 2 and 3-year renewals. This \$5.00 includes state dues, which will be returned to the state associations.

The committee agrees with Mr. Harkness that the new rates shall be in effect after September 15, 1952, after due publication in CHES LIFE.

A. WYATT JONES,
Chairman,
Promotional Plan Committee

ADICKES TAKES ASHEVILLE CITY

William C. Adickes, Jr. romped through the Asheville City Championship event with 17½-½ in a double round event, drawing one game with Harold A. Woodward, to win the Asheville (N.C.) title. Second was Philip C. Knox with 13-5, losing both games to Adickes, and one each to Philip Mades, Dr. Oscar Kanner, and Major G. H. B. Terry. Philip Mades was third in the 10 player event with 11-7, and Harold Woodward placed fourth with 10½-7½.

WEAVER TOPS CORPUS CHRISTI

Folk Weaver won the finals of the Corpus Christi City tournament with 7½-2½ in a 6 player double round robin event. Weaver lost one game each to Charles H. Fuchsman and David Kight, and drew one game with Henry E. Youngman. James A. Creighton was second with 6-4, losing two games to Weaver, and one each to Fuchsman and Charles W. Blampied. Henry Youngman placed third with 5½-4½.

RUBIN TAKES COSMO OPEN

Victory in the annual Cosmo (Los Angeles) Club's summer Open Championship went to Eugene Rubin of Hollywood, who scored 3½-½ to win the B Section and then bested Morris Gordon, winner of A Section in the playoff. Second place in B Section went to Paul Harmat with 3-1 in a tie with Woronzoff. In the A Section Morris won 4-0 and Geller was second with 3-1. Unfinished games in the 4 round Swiss were adjudicated by Bob Jacobs, while Tommy Cragg served as tournament director.

ZEMGALIS WINS ULVESTAD MATCH

Elmars Zemgalis, Latvia's chess gift to Washington, inaugurated his Washington chess career (except for a simultaneous exhibition) by winning a match 3-1 against U.S. Master Olaf Ulvestad, scoring two wins and two draws. The match was played in the P-I Auditorium through the cooperation of Royal Brougham, Sports Editor of the Seattle Post-Intelligence, and sets were provided for the spectators to use in analysis, while watching the progress of the games.

USCF PLANS FOR FUTURE

IT is a truism of the business world that no organization can stand still; it must progress or it will deteriorate. And progress often implies changes of a drastic nature in the structure of the organization.

But nothing drastic was required of the USCF Board of Directors at Tampa, when they unanimously approved and adopted the Promotional Plan presented to them by USCF Rating Statistician Kenneth Harkness. For even the changes represented a growth in the present structure of the United States Chess Federation, rather than any abandonment of principles or programs.

It has been long recognized that chess in the USA needed consistent promotion, and that the Federation required the services of a trained promotional director who could devote his time exclusively to the problems of administration and publicity. In creating the office of Business Manager, the Federation has at last taken an important step in coordinating its activities—but a step that could not be made until the right man was available for the office. He has now become available in Kenneth Harkness, whose experience, as co-publisher of Chess Review, is uniquely valuable in his newly created role of promoter and publicizer for the U.S. Chess Federation. We will let Mr. Harkness outline his plans for the future of American chess in his own words in an early issue.

More immediately important to the membership than the matter of long range plans for the Federation, is the decision to increase the Federation dues to \$5.00 per year and to place membership upon an actual basis rather than a calendar one. With the increase comes the opportunity for the members to invest in longer term memberships at substantial savings in time, effort, and money.

Under the new plan, which becomes effective on September 15, 1952, membership in the USCF includes free membership in your State Chess Association, provided it is affiliated with the USCF. Your State Association sponsors an annual championship tournament and other chess activities in your State. Unfortunately the Federation cannot extend this privilege if your State Association is not affiliated with the USCF. In this case, the Federation will extend your membership in the USCF by two months for each year of your dues.

In conformation with the increase in membership dues, the subscription rate of CHES LIFE after September 15, 1952 will become \$3.00 per year to those who are not members of the U. S. Chess Federation (members receive Chess Life without additional charge as one of the privileges of membership).

Another privilege of USCF membership, which is becoming recognized as increasingly important, is the right of being included in the USCF National Rating System without charge (non-members must pay a 50c fee twice a year for this privilege; and after publication of the next Rating List these fees may be increased).

Other special benefits of membership will be included under the new program, but we will permit Mr. Harkness to outline these additional advantages in his own words.

Tampa became an important milestone, marking the progress of chess in these United States.

Montgomery Major

ARGONAUT HOLDS CHESSE CONTEST

California's famous weekly, The Argonaut, will inaugurate with the first September issue a monthly contest in its chess column, edited by Dr. H. J. Ralston, in which each month two prizes of the value of \$10.00 and \$5.00 will be awarded for the best original chess contributions. First prize will be \$5.00 in cash and a one-year subscription to The Argonaut; second prize \$2.50 in cash and a six-month's subscription to The Argonaut. Chess enthusiasts throughout the world will be eligible and the only restriction is that contributions must be original and unpublished.

Contributions in the contest may consist of problems (Two and three movers), end-game studies, combinations, analysis, annotations, literary efforts dealing with the history of chess, etc. Submit all contributions to Dr. H. J. Ralston, The Argonaut, 544 Market St., San Francisco 4, Calif.

MAKE CHANGES IN U.S. TEAM

A last minute disagreement between former U.S. Champion Herman Steiner and USCF President Harold M. Phillips over terms of the team financing resulted in Mr. Steiner resigning from his place in protest. Mr. Bisno, as team manager, arranged for former Belgian Champion George Koltanowski, now a chess columnist in San Francisco, to take the vacated place and become the sixth member. The other team members are U.S. Champion Larry Evans, former U.S. Champion Samuel Reshevsky, Hans Berliner, Arthur Bisguier, and Robert Byrne.

A change has also been announced in regard to the U.S. players delegated to compete in the International Tournament at Stockholm, and it is now reported that Larry Evans and Robert Byrne will be the U.S. representatives at this event. This has not been officially confirmed as yet.

HELSINKI DRAWS 25 CHESS TEAMS

The International Team Tournament at Helsinki began auspiciously with twenty-five nations represented in the FIDE Chess Olympics. Individual team memberships are not available at this writing but the nations represented are: Argentina, Austria, Brazil, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, East Germany, England, Finland, Greece, Holland, Hungary, Iceland, Israel, Italy, Luxembourg, Norway, Poland, The Saar, Sweden, Switzerland, United States, USSR, West Germany, Yugoslavia.

U.S. TEAM FLIES TO FINLAND DATE

Severally the members of the U.S. Team are on their way to the International Team Tournament at Helsinki. On August 6, Team Manager Alexander Bisno and Samuel Reshevsky departed by Scandinavian Airways and will be followed by George Koltanowski, whose plane from Frisco was late, causing him to miss the company of Reshevsky and Bisno. On August 7th Robert Byrne departed by British Airways, while Koltanowski found space on a Pan-American plane.

Larry Evans is already on his way, going via England, while Robert Byrne, Arthur Bisguier, and Hans Berliner are converging on Helsinki from their various military posts in Europe.

Representation at Stockholm in the International Tournament remains unsettled. Evans will be one representative, but a question mark remains for the other. Recent reports are that neither Robert Byrne nor Arthur Bisguier will be able to accept appointments, and the next name on the list is former U.S. Champion Herman Steiner, but it is not known whether he will accept if appointed.

ST. LOUIS OPEN ENDS IN TIE

The St. Louis (Mo.) Open Championship finished in a tie for first place between Gerald von Brantly and Jerome L. Wallis with 5½-1½ each in the 8 player round robin event. Von Brantly and Wallis drew their encounter, while Von Brantly lost to William B. Firestone and Wallis to Murray L. Horn. Horn placed third with 5-2, losing games to Von Brantly and Tony Crisimanga, while David Edwards and Firestone tied for fourth 4-3 each.

NEW USCF DUES

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One-year Subscription to CHES LIFE (without USCF membership)	3.00

Irvington (N. J.) Chess Club championship was won by Howard Franklin with $8\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$, drawing with Saul Yarmak. Second place went to Ralph Hurtlen with 7-2, while Albert Boczar placed third with 6-3 and Saul Yarmak fourth with $5\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$ in the 10 player round robin.

How the Rating System Works

By KENNETH HARKNESS
USCF Rating Statistician

(Kenneth Harkness, co-author of "An Invitation to Chess" and author of "Invitation to Bridge," is the inventor of the mathematical rating system adopted by the USCF to rank American chessplayers. In this series, Mr. Harkness explains the mechanics of the system.—The Editor.)

7. Rating Swiss System Tournaments

To rate a Swiss System event we evaluate the performance of each player as though he were competing in an independent tournament. No contestant plays against the same set of opponents as any other contestant, so we must measure the strength of the competition each player meets. We do this in the same way as we determine the average strength of a round-robin tournament—by listing the ratings of a player and all his opponents, then finding the median value. This value is called a player's "competition average." Then we compute performance ratings as described in parts 5 and 6 of this series, adding or subtracting points from each player's competition average in accordance with his score.

The process of rating Swiss System tournaments is summed up in the above paragraph, but a great many of the details have been omitted. For the sake of those who want to know exactly what we do, this article and the next in the series are devoted to a fuller explanation. If you find the description too boring to read, you will have to take our word for it that we go to a lot of trouble to achieve a high degree of accuracy.

Perhaps the simplest way to explain the process is to describe the various steps in detail, using the recent U.S. Open Championship as an example:

1. After correcting the usual mistakes in the round-by-round analysis of the tournament report, and after cancelling all byes and defaults, we list down on our work-sheet the names of all players and their net scores. By net scores we mean the points won and lost for games actually played. Although the U.S. Open was a 12-round event, some of the contestants played less than 12 games.

2. The second step is to write down what we call the "work-sheet ratings" of all players whose performances during the previous five years have been recorded on cards in the active files. Each player's rating is written after his name. As described below, some ratings are taken from the records of rating one tournament.

(a) If a player has competed in only one rated tournament we use his performance rating but mark it with an asterisk to show that it is a provisional figure. Nine of the contestants in the U.S. Open had ratings of this type.

(b) If a player has competed in two or more tournaments but has never been issued an average rating, we use the arithmetical mean of his performance ratings up to date. For example, when Svend H. Oleson of Chicago started in the U.S. Open he had not played in any rated tournaments before December 31st, 1951, but had earned 1866 and 1957 points in events held this year. Oleson's work-sheet rating is listed as 1812 points—the average of 1866 and 1667. Similarly, B. F. Roberson of Tampa had never issued an average rating but is given a work-sheet rating of 1595 points—the average of his 1951 provisional rating of 1667 points and his performance rating of 1522 points in this year's Tampa City Championship held before the U.S. Open. (Although we did not mention it before, this method is used to produce work-sheet ratings for players of this type in round-robin tournaments.)

(c) If a fully-rated player has not competed during the current rating period we use his last average. For example, Captain Lebzelter of St. Petersburg, Fla. had average ratings of 1729, 1791, 1805 and 1733 for various periods from 1949 to the end of 1951, but did not compete in 1952 until he took part in the U.S. Open. This player's work-sheet rating is 1733 points, the last average recorded on his card.

(d) If a fully-rated player has competed since the closing date of the last published list we now use the arithmetical mean of his last average rating and his performance ratings in current tournaments. (This refinement has been adopted since we started writing the present series of articles and will be used when rating all future tournaments, including round-robins.) No less than 41 rated players in the U.S. Open had competed in other tour-

naments held this year. The need for more up-to-date ratings than the last averages of these players was emphasized by the case of Arturo Pomar of Spain. This young master has been advancing rapidly and his last average of 2273 points no longer represents his current strength. This year he has earned performance ratings of 2396 and 2562 in the Havana and Hollywood international tournaments respectively. The work-sheet rating of this player for the U.S. Open is 2410 points—the arithmetical mean of 2273, 2396 and 2562. In this way we get a figure that measures Pomar's strength at the start of the tournament. For some of the other 40 players of this type, the work-sheet ratings are higher than their last averages; for others they are lower.

3. The third step is to issue performance ratings to the unrated contestants, so that these figures may be used to find the competition averages of the rated contestants. The process is complicated and consists of three operations:

(a) Using the work-sheet ratings of step No. 2 described above, we determine the median value of the entire tournament. The method was explained in Part 4 of this series. To find the median value of the U.S. Open we rank all the work-sheet ratings from the highest down to the lowest. At the top of the list we make a plus sign for the only unrated player who finished with a plus score; at the bottom we put four minus signs for the unrated players who made minus scores. The median value of 1989 points is found by averaging the 38th and 39th ratings on the list of 76 ratings and signs. Assuming that the unrated man with a plus score ranks above the tournament average, and the four with minus scores below average, 37 of the players have higher ratings than 1980 points, and 37 have lower ratings.

(b) Approximate ratings are then given to the unrated players. To do this, we first determine the apparent range of the tournament by subtracting the median value from the highest rating. Thus, we subtract the U.S. Open's median of the tournament winner, Larry Evans' work-sheet rating of 2650, the highest in the tournament, giving us a difference of 670 points. Then we divide this difference by the plus game score (above 50%) of the tournament winner. Larry Evans made a score of 10-2 which is 4 game points above an even score. Dividing 670 by 4 we get a figure of 168 per game point which can be used to issue approximate ratings to unrated players in accordance with their scores. For example, unrated Arthur Carlyle of St. Petersburg made a net score of 5-4 (not counting two defaulted games and one bye) which is half a game point above an even score. This player is given an approxi-

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August 30-September 1
California Open Championship
Santa Barbara, Calif.

Open to all; registration closes 9:30 a.m.; entry fee \$5.00; cash prizes and trophy for winner who automatically is seeded in California State Championship; for details contact: Kurt Lowenstein, 6 Willina Lane, Santa Barbara Calif.

August 29-September 1

New England Championship
Newburyport, Mass.

Open to all New England residents, including students attending New England schools; begins 7:30 p.m. Friday August 29; 6 round Swiss; First prize \$100.; a rated tournament; held at Newburyport YMCA, 13 Market St.; for details write: O. A. Lester, Jr., 63 High St., Newburyport, Mass.

August 30-September 1

Pennsylvania State Championship
Somerset, Penna.

At Manor Hill Hotel; 7 round Swiss; open to all residents of Pennsylvania or members of Pennsylvania Chess Clubs; at least \$150.00 in cash prizes plus merchandise prizes for top 15; begins 1:00 p.m. August 30; round robin Rapid Transit to be held at 8:00 p.m. on August 29; for details, write: Everett A. Coons, 722 Broad Street, Sewickley, Pa.

August 30-September 1

Florida State Championship
Sarasota, Fla.

At Hotel Sarasota; registration 10:00 a.m. Aug. 30; for details contact: Major J. B. Holt, Long Beach, via Sarasota, Fla.

August 30-September 1

Southwestern Open Championship
Dallas, Texas

Open to all; 7 round Swiss; titles: Southwestern Open, Women's and Junior Champions, also Texas State Champion; cash prizes and trophy; held at Hotel Adolphus, Dallas; entries accepted until 1:00 p.m.; play begins 2:00 p.m.; entry fee \$6.00 (plus USCF and TCA membership which totals \$4.00); college students and juniors under 21 entry fee \$1.00 plus USCF and TCA membership; guaranteed first prize \$150.00; second prize \$100.00; trophies in addition to Texas, Women's and Junior Champions; other prizes, for details or hotel reservations, write: C. Frederick Tears, Jr., 2849 Fondren Drive, Dallas 5, Texas. 100% USCF Rated event.

mate rating of 2064 points (the tournament average of 1980 plus half of 168 points). Similarly, unrated player W. D. Drexler of New York made a score of 5-7 which is one point below an even score. This player is given an approximate rating of 1812 points (the tournament average of 1980 minus 168 points).

(c) Performance ratings are then issued to the unrated players, starting with the man who made the lowest score and working upward. As each player gets a performance rating, the approximate figure is crossed out and the new rating is substituted in the column of work-sheet ratings. This more accurate rating is then used in all future calculations. Thus, to issue performance ratings to the unrated players in the U.S. Open we start with M. Palmer who made a net score of 1-8 (3½ points below an even score). This contestant had been given an approximate rating of 1392 points. To compute his performance rating, we write down this figure of 1392 and the work-sheet ratings of his nine opponents. The median value of all these ratings is found to be 1644 points and this figure is taken as Palmer's competition average. Subtracting 350 points for this player's minus score in a contest of less than 10 rounds, we arrive at a final result of 1294 points for his performance rating. In the column of work-sheet ratings the approximate figure is crossed out and the new rating is substituted. The latter is also listed

August 23-September 1
New York State Championship
Cazenovia, N. Y.

Open to all; held at Cazenovia Seminary; 9 round Swiss championship with entry fee \$10.00, four cash prizes, first prize \$100.00; Experts tourney, entry fee \$5.00, first prize \$50.00; Swiss or round robin; Genesee and Susquehanna Cup team matches; mail entries postmarked no later than August 18 to Harold M. Phillips, 258 Broadway, New York City; all entrants must be members of NYSCA; for details, write: John C. Cummings, 208 West Beard Ave., Syracuse 5, N. Y.

August 30-September 1

2nd Annual Midwest Open
Championship
Omaha, Nebraska

Open to all; 6 round Swiss; entry fee \$5.00 (including membership in Nebraska Chess Ass'n); cash prizes; for details write: Nebraska Chess Ass'n, 317 YMCA Bldg., Omaha 2, Nebr.

August 30-September 1

West Virginia Championship
Tournament
Beckley, W. Va.

At Beckley Elks Club; open to all chess players, state title to ranking W. Va. player; championship and other divisions; air-conditioned playing room; for details, write: Harlow Warren, Beckley, W. Va.

August 30-September 1

Virginia State Championship
Portsmouth, Va.

Open event; 7 round Swiss; highest ranking Virginian becomes State Champion; cash prizes; held at Hotel Portsmouth; for details contact: W. R. Triplett, P.O. Box 888, Portsmouth, Va.

August 30-September 1

Louisiana State Championship
New Orleans, La.

At Hotel New Orleans; open to Louisiana and Mississippi players; begins 9:00 a.m. August 30; entry fee \$5.00 including USCF and LCA memberships; 100% USCF Rated Event; for details, write: W. P. Naser, P.O. Box 779, New Orleans, La.

August 30-September 1

Illinois State Championship
Rock Island, Ill.

Open to Illinois residents only; at Fort Armstrong Hotel; 7 round Swiss; cash prizes; Entry closes noon August 30; entry fee; for details write: John Warren, 1336 15th St., Rock Island, Ill. or Henry Jeffrey, 413 16th Ave., Rock Island, Ill.

in the column reserved for the performance ratings of all contestants.

Then we progress upward to unrated player L. Marquez of Columbia who made a score of 4½-7½ which is 1½ points (12½%) below average. Marquez had been given an approximate rating of 1728, so we list this figure with the work-sheet ratings of all his 12 opponents. The median value of 1811 becomes this player's competition average. Subtracting 125 points for his 12½% below average score in a contest of 12 rounds, we find that the performance rating is 1686 points. This is put down in the column for performance ratings and is substituted for the approximate rating in the column of work-sheet ratings.

In the same way, we issue performance ratings to the other unrated players, working up to Arthur Carlyle who made the highest score in this group. This player's approximate rating of 2064 is changed to his performance rating of 2118 points.

Note that the approximate ratings are used only to find more exact performance ratings for the players with no previous records. These performance ratings are then used to compute the competition averages of other contestants.

(This is the seventh of a series of articles by Mr. Harkness. The explanation of how Swiss System tournaments are rated will be continued in the eighth article which will appear in the next issue of CHESS LIFE.—The Editor.)

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Wednesday, August 20, 1952

Alekhine's Early Chess Career

Additional Data
By A. Buschke

V. ALEKHINE IN SOVIET-LAND

It seems that the farther the Chess Olympics of 1920 were removed from the time of writing about them, the more brilliancy in retrospect they took on—considerably more than could be attributed to them, in spite of Ilyin-Zhenevsky's heroic efforts, while they were "news" of the day or at least only a very recent event.

We have not been able to discover a single reference to them in either "Izvestia" or "Pravda" of that period, which we were able to consult in the New York Public Library; "K Novoi Armii," the magazine to which Ilyin-Zhenevsky could contribute a few chess columns in 1920, seems to have ceased publication just around the time of the tournament (at least no numbers of a later period could be discovered in American libraries).

Under the circumstances, Grekov when writing about "All-Russian Chess Tournaments" in the July number of "Sakhamaty" for 1924, p. 89:

In view of the fact that at the time of the Olympics of 1920 we had neither chess magazines nor even chess sections in newspapers, and that already now (sc., in 1924—only three years after the event, A.B.) many data of this interesting event are half-forgotten, we bring below the table and the best games of the Championship which took place at the time of the Olympics.

seems to come considerably nearer the truth than Pavlov-Pianov, in his rather casual remark, in the July issue 1951 of "Shakhamaty v SSSR," p. 217, that he can be short about the Championship tournament played during the Olympics because "plenty has already been written about it"—the author of this article series would be only too happy to learn where so much has been written just about this Championship Tournament, and believes that even the most diligent research will not produce much more than what he is able to present in the following installments, unless, of course, the Russians themselves will open their "archives"; since both the second and third prize-winner are still alive and the "historian" Grekov died only recently, it can still be hoped that the material is not entirely lost.

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New Mexico State Championship
Albuquerque, N. M.

Open to New Mexico players; Swiss event; entry fee \$2.00; sponsored by the Albuquerque Chess Club; entries accepted until start of play, August 30; for details and entry, write: James R. Cole, 601 Ridgcrest Drive, Albuquerque, N.M.

September 7

Washington Woodpushers Tourney
Seattle, Wash.

Open to all; at Seattle Chess Club; 4 round Swiss; entry fee \$1.00 (50c reduction to WCF members); begins 10:00 a.m.; for details contact: Dan Wade, 11023 25th N.E., Seattle 55, Wash.

August 30-September 1

New Jersey Open Championship
Orange, N. J.

At YMCA, 125 Main St.; starts 10:00 a.m.; 7 round Swiss; open to all; entry fee \$5.00 with \$2.00 returnable; prizes; write: Edgar T. McCormick, 102 N. Maple, E. Orange.

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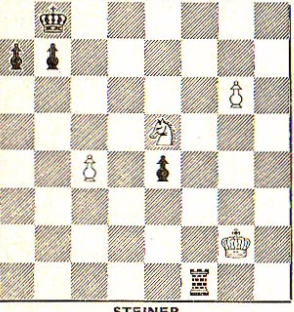
NIMZOINDIAN DEFENSE
U. S. Open Championship
Tampa, 1952

Notes by Erich W. Marchand

White. Black. A. POMAR
H. STEINER
1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3 3. Kt-QB3 B-K15
2. P-QB4 P-K3 4. B-K15
One of several playable moves.
White's disposal. Others are 4. P-QR3,
4. Q-K13, 4. Q-B2, 4. P-K3. The text-
move is less common than the others.
It invites Black to play 4. P-Q4,
transposing into the Manhattan variation
of the Queen's Gambit.
4. P-Q4 P-B3 5. P-Q5 P-Q3 6. P-Q5
P-Q3 7. P-Q5 P-Q3 8. B-R4 P-KR3
9. B-B3 BxKt-P 10. B-B3 BxKt-P
With 8. B-B3 Black blocking the center
a long positional struggle would follow
since neither side could easily break
through. Pomar prefers to open the
position and take his chances in the
following sharp play.
9. B-K13 Q-R4 12. R-B1 B-K3
10. P-Q2 PXP 13. P-K4 Kt-K2
11. P-Q2 PXP 14. P-KR4
White can recover his P by 14. BxP.
BxP; 15. BxP. Instead he decides to
advance quickly in hopes of taking
advantage of Black's open position.
15. BxP Q-K1-B3 17. RXP P-Q4
Black defends this P and at the same
time makes a thrust in the center—
almost always a good plan in the
middle game.
18. PXP BXP 20. KQ B-K3
19. P-QB4 QxQ ch 21. P-K14
At this stage the chances seem about
even. This does not necessarily indi-
cate a likely draw since there is evi-
dently some lively play in view.
21. O-O-O ch 22. K-K2
The choice of this square is not easy
to understand since it means that
neither the Kt nor the B can use or
cross K2, at least for the time
being. If 22. K-K3 were rejected as
being too risky, 22. K-K1 should be
considered in the interests of mobility
for the White pieces.
22. KR-K1 23. R-R5
If 22. K-K1 had been played, then 22.
K-K2 could now follow. Of course not
22. K-B2, R-B7 ch and 23. RXP.
Black's ensuing combination leaves
him the initiative and a fine position.
23. BxKtP 23. K-B3 Kt-B3
24. PxB Kt-Q4 ch 26. RXP R-Q7
In view of what follows one gets the
feeling that Black misses the boat
hereabouts, and to be sure on 26.
R-Q7, RxB (not 27. R-K5; K-Q5 ch),
Kt-K1, R-K1, K13xP; 29. B-R3,
P-B4 Black remains a P ahead.
As played, Black wins the less important
QRP and leaves White counter-chances.
27. P-K15 Kt-K5 28. R-Q5
Not 28. R-B5, R-B7 ch; 29. K-K4, Kt-
K4 ch and 30. RxBt is forced to stop
30. R-R1 mate.
28. R-B7 ch 29. K-K3
Not 29. K-K4, Kt-K4 30. K-B4 P-B3
It was not necessary to allow White
a strong passed P. However, even with
a P ahead the game is not easy for
Black to win.
31. B-R3 K-K1 34. K-K13 Kt-K5
32. P-K16 Kt-K13 35. K-K14 R-K1
33. B-Q7 R-B7 ch 36. B-B5 Kt-K4 ch
Black now wins the Exchange since
moving the K to the R-file allows 37.
R-R1 mate. But White's passed P is
becoming significant with the nearness
of the White K.
37. RxBt P-R 41. R-KB1 P-K5
38. BxKt R-B5 ch 42. Kt-K5 R-K16 ch
39. K-K15 RxB 43. K-B4
40. K-B3 R-K6
Not 43. K-B6, R-B1 ch; 44. Kt-B7, R-B6
ch; 45. BxR, P-R4; 46. P-K17, R-K1 and
the BP will queen.
43. R-B1 ch 45. K-K12!
44. KXR RXR

After 45. K-K12!

POMAR



STEINER

45. R-B4
Black's last move obviously threatens
P-K17 and invites 46. R-B1, Kt-K7 ch,
etc. 45. R-Q7 fails after 46. P-K17,
R-Q1; 47. Kt-Q7 ch, K-B2; 48. Kt-B8.

Solutions: Mate the Subtle Way!

No. 347 (Ahus): 1. B-K7, with a complex offset variation after 1.
Kt-Q3. This move, incidentally, defeats the try 1. P-B8.
No. 348 (Goldschmeding): 1. Q-R5, followed by two "third degree" series when
1. Kt-Q6 and K5 and 1. Kt-K3 and Q2.
No. 349 (Mansfield): 1. B-K13, with battery and interference variations ex-
ploited to the full in usual chess style.
No. 350 (Holladay): 1. R-K17, P-K7; 2. B-K15ch, if 1. Kt-K2; 2. R-R7ch.
A familiar cluster of model mates in a charming setting. The try 1. Kt-B6 is
subtly defeated by 1. P-K7; 2. B-K3, P becomes Kt check.

SOLVERS' LADDER

(Two points for two-movers; four points for three-movers. Extra credit for
correct claims of "cooks," i.e., valid solutions not intended by the composers. This tally
covers solutions for problems in the July 20 issue received up to the time we
went to press, on August 10. Solutions subsequently received will be credited on the
next Ladder.)

R. Michell	302 E. Weatherford	170 Dr. J. Erman	92 A. L. Welsh	36
E. Onyschuk	292 R. M. Collins	164 F. A. Holloway	84 B. M. Marshall	32
Nicholas Yoe	282 C. J. Koch	158 D. A. Grey, Jr.	80 R. O'Neill	30
M. A. Michaels	284 George Smith	144 Steve Mysel	60 E. Scher	30
Dr. E. Kassner	282 W. J. Couture	140 C. B. Collins	66 S. N. Yarmak	30
H. K. Tonak	258 Joe Petty	136 Rev. G. Chidley	60 W. H. James	26
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P. H. Hunsicker	196 L. M. Brown	104 Heino Kurruk	40 H. O. Madison	12
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Tournament Life

Conducted by
Erich W. Marchand192 Seville Drive
Rochester 17, N. Y.

46. Kt-B7 R-B4 48. Kt-R6 K-B2
47. P-K17 P-B1
A hairline finish. If 48. P-R4, there
follows 49. P-4B(Q), RxQ; 50. KtXR,
R-B5; 51. Kt-B6, P-R6; 52. Kt-Q7 ch,
K-B2; 53. Kt-B5, P-R7; 54. Kt-K13.
Neither side can win either this way
or as played.

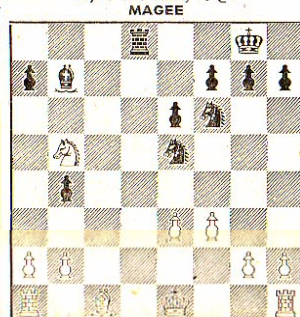
49. P-K18(Q) RxQ 53. Kt-B6 KXP
50. KtXR K-Q3 54. KtXP P-R5
51. K-B2 P-R4 55. K-Q2 P-R6
52. K-K3 K-B4 56. K-B2 Drawn

MERAN DEFENSE
CCLA (USA) Tournament
Correspondence Chess, 1952

Notes by Dr. M. G. Sturm

White. Black. L. MAGEE
DR. M. G. STURM
1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3 3. Kt-QB3 P-QB3?
2. P-QB4 P-K3
Inviting 4. P-K4 which I might have
played had I not wished to try an in-
novation against the Meran.
4. P-K3 P-Q4 7. BxP P-QK14
5. Kt-B3 Q-K1-Q2 8. B-K2
6. B-Q3 PXP
Preferable perhaps to 8. B-Q3. For a
thorough discussion of this move and
its implications, please see "Chess Cor-
respondent," Feb., 1950.
8. P-K15 10. Q-B2?
9. Kt-QR4 Kt-B2
An innovation. "Chess Correspondent"
gives 10. B-Q2 as White's best,
condemning as weak 10. O-O (Bondary-
vsk-Zagoravski, XVII USSR champion-
ship).
10. P-B4 13. B-K15 O-O
11. KtXP BxKt 14. P-B6 Q-K13
12. P-R3 R-QB1 15. Q-K2
Sacrificing the Exchange to put White,
undeveloped, on the defensive, but
overlooking one point. If 15. BxP;
16. BxKt; 17. Kt-Q4, R-B2; 18. O-O,
Kt-R1; 19. P-K4 with an excellent
game, for if 19. P-K4; 20. Kt-B5,
R-B7? 21. Kt-K7
16. BXR BxB 19. KtXQ Kt-K4
17. Q-Q4 B-K2 20. P-B3 R-Q1
18. K-K15 QXQ

After 20. R-Q1



STURM

21. O-O!
The "one point" mentioned in the pre-
vious analytical note. White, by re-
turning the Exchange, passes from a
difficult defensive position into a favor-
able endgame with his K centralized.
B vs. Kt, and a vulnerable target in
Black's Q-side Ps.
21. B-R3 26. K-K2 R-Q4
22. Kt-Q4! BXR 27. P-QB1 Kt-K2
23. Kt-Q4 Kt-K3 28. B-B7 K-B1
24. B-Q2 P-K4 29. KtXP!
25. Kt-K13 P-QR4
Black may have overlooked this, but
it is probable that a P at least must
go, sooner or later.
29. RxBt 30. BxP RXP
Not 30. Kt-Q4? 31. R-B8 mate.
31. BxKt ch K-K1 32. R-B3
Settling the matter with the threat of
R-K7 ch winning at least another P.
Black has no adequate reply, for 32.
Kt-K11 loses a piece, Kt-Q2 loses
everything, and if Kt-Q4; 33. R-B5.
Black resigned a move or two later.

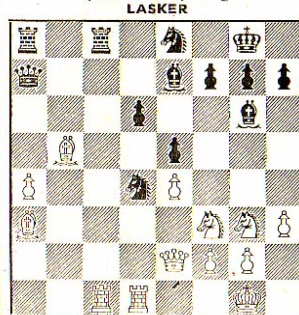
RUY LOPEZ
Manhattan vs. Marshall Match
New York, 1952

Notes by J. E. Howarth

White. Black. E. LASKER
D. BYRNE (Manhattan)
1. P-K4 P-K4 4. B-R4 Kt-B3
2. Kt-KB3 Kt-QB3 5. O-O B-K2
3. B-K15 P-QR3 6. R-K1
Another appropriate continuation here
is 6. Q-K2 (the Worrall Attack). After
6. P-QK14 (6. P-Q3; 7. P-B1,
O-O; 8. P-Q4, B-K15; 9. P-Q3, Kt-K1!
P-R4, Kt-R4; 11. P-KR3, BxKt; 12.
QxKt, Kt-K13; 13. B-B2, P-B4; 10. R-Q1,
Q-B2; 12. P-KR3, etc., or here 10. P-Q4, Q-B2;
11. R-Q1 and both cases White still
holds a slight edge.

6. P-QK14 7. B-K13 P-Q3
Black could reserve the right to play
Marshall's move with 7. O-O; 8.
P-B3 and now 8. Q4! Here, after
9. PXP, KtXP; 10. KtXP, KtKt; 11.
RxBt, instead of 11. Kt-B3, Mar-
shall's own improvement 11. P-QB1!
leaves it a bit difficult to arrive at a
final opinion.
8. B-B3 O-O 9. P-Q4
According to latest analysis 9.
PXP; 10. PXP, P-Kt5; 11. Kt-B3, BxKt;
12. PxB, Kt-QR4; 13. B-B2, P-K15, etc.
is still unrefuted. That is, Black's
chances for equality are much easier
than after 9. P-KR3.
9. B-K15 10. P-Q5
If instead 10. P-KR3, B-R4; 11. P-Q5,
Kt-R4; 12. B-B2, P-B3; 13. PXP, KtXP
and now 14. B-K15, R-B1; 15. B-Q3,
P-R3; 16. BxKt, BxR; 17. P-QR4, R-K1,
even game, Loevenfisch-Ragosin, Len-
ingrad-Moscow, 1939.
10. Kt-K1 12. P-KR3
11. Q-K1-Q2 Q-K2
The "timing" here is logical because
the B must retreat to R4 or exchange.
12. B-R4 15. B-B2 Q-Q2
13. Kt-B1 B-K13 16. Q-K2 P-R4
14. Kt-K13 Kt-B4 17. P-QK14
Black was threatening to solidify his
Kt through P-K15.
17. P-R4 22. P-QR4 Kt-QB1
18. Kt-R3 23. B-R3 Q-R2
19. B-Q3 KtXP 24. KR-Q1 Kt-K1
20. BxP P-B3 25. QR-B1 Kt-Q5
21. PXP KtXP

After 25. Kt-Q5



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Black can't play 25. Q-Q2 because
of 26. BxKt followed by KtXP. And
27. Kt-R4; 28. BxKt, R-B2; 27. PXP.
So he takes the doubled Ps and hopes
for some form of future activity.
26. KtXP PxBt 27. Kt-B5 B-B1
27. RXP R-R8
After 28. BxKt; 29. PxB, White is
threatening BxKt, RxB, and then BxP.
29. KtXP(Q4) !!!
One down, and one to go.
30. Kt-B6 Q-K12 34. Kt-B6 Q-K2
31. BxP BxB 36. Kt-K7 ch K-B1
32. RxB Kt-K1 37. KtXB ch
33. R-Q8 RXR Resigns
Because after 37. QxKt; 38. QxKt
is mate.

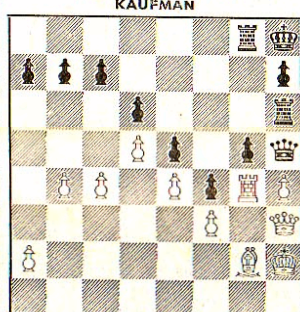
QUEEN PAWN GAME
CCCL Christmas Social Tourney
Chicago, 1951

Notes by A. Kaufman

White. Black. A. KAUFMAN
D. IVANOVICH 3. P-B4 B-K15 ch
2. Kt-KB3 Kt-KB3
Having declined the French Defense,
White now permits the Bogoljubov
variation which is a perfectly sound
equalizing line. White might have
played 3. P-K13 and fianchettoed his
KB. Then, after casting or Q-Kt-Q2,
he would be ready to advance the QBP.
The point is that the immediate ex-
change of Black's KB avoids the clog-
ging of Black's central hinterland as
usually occurs in QP variations in
which White early established a P-
center. After 3. P-K13, Black
either must go into the Catalan with
3. P-Q4 or play 3. B-K2 for
casting's sake. In the latter case,
White might even play 4. P-B4 since 4.
.... B-K15 ch loses a valuable
tempo.
4. B-Q2 BxBch
Nimzovich liked 4. Q-K2 but the
P must exchange off eventually and
White's QB is better game than the
Q Kt.
5. QKtXB
5. QXB is a shade better since the QKt
belongs on Q3. Black then must play
P-Q4, which the double blocked QP fi-
guration is not so aggressive for Black
as the KP advance of the Indian posi-
tion in the game. Incidentally 5. QXB,
Black; 6. Q-B2 loses precious time for
Black.
6. P-Q3
5. P-Q4 would be a strategic blun-
der since Black has no KB to support
P-Q4, which he subsequently must
play to give him breathing space in the
center. If White's Kt had to be
played to Q3, then 5. P-Q4 would
be in order. Black's strategy then
would be (after preparing for P-Q3
and QKt-Q2) to play QxPBP and P-Kt,
since White's Qkt would slow White's
action on the opened QB file. Cf. PCO
p. 266, col. 103-104. In col. 103 the
power of White's QB2 on the open file
decides.
6. P-K4

6. P-KK13 is better. The move played
looks strong but leaves White's Kt on
open lines and weakens his KB4.
Hypermodern-wise, White soon has an
over-extended center against a solid
and uncluttered Black position.
6. Kt-B3!
New, and theoretically best. This and
the next move must be played as
soon as possible, improving over the
hyper-modernism of the 20's. If, e.g.,
6. O-O; 7. B-Q3, Kt-B3; 8. P-K5,
Kt-Q2, 9. K-Q2 is strong, whereas now
if 7. P-K5, Kt-Q2! and White can select
from three weak lines: 8. Q-K2, Kt-
K5! or 8. Q-B4, O-O; 9. PXP, or 8.
PXP.
7. B-Q3 P-K4! 8. P-Q5
If 8. Kt-K13, B-K15! If the Qkt were
on QB3, then 8. PXP would have some
point since White could work on con-
trol of Q5. This demonstrates why
Black cannot play the KP advance
against 5. QXB. To open the game now
would be to Black's advantage. White
would be out in the open with his bad
B and awkwardly posted Qkt. After 8.
PXP, PXP White again is forced to
choose from a number of weak lines
beginning with 9. B-K2, B2, Kt1 or 9.
Kt-K11, K13, B or 9. Q-K2 or K13. In
all these lines White either loses
tempo or blocks his own development.
8. O-O Kt-K2 10. P-KR3
9. O-O Kt-K2 10. P-KR3
The main interest of this game is the
opening. White has imperceptibly lost
the game strategically and soon re-
nders the initiative. With the initia-
tion of the mid-game at this point,
Black quickly gains an overwhelming
attacking position. White continues to
have only bad choices and can make
nothing of Black's over-cautious minor
loss of time on move 11.
10. Kt-K13 16. PxBt QxKt
11. R-B1 Q-K2 17. Kt-Q2 Q-R3
12. Kt-K1 Kt-B5 18. Q-K12 P-KB4
13. B-K11 Kt-QR4 19. P-B3 R-B3
14. Q-B3 Q-K14 20. R-K11 P-B5
15. K-Q2 KtXP 21. Kt-B2 B-Q2
Best. A deliberate tempo move to en-
courage White's next.
22. Kt-K13 BxKt 24. B-Q3 R-Q1
23. BxB Kt-K16
A try for the Q forces White's next
move.
25. P-KR4 R-K13 28. BxKt R-R3
26. Q-R3 Q-R4 29. R-K14 K-R1
27. QR-B1 30. Kt-K1 R-KK1
28. KtXR ch 31. P-QK14 P-KK14

After 31. P-K14



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32. P-R4 IVANOVICH
33. PXP QXR 36. PXP R-K16
34. QXR PXP 37. B-K12
35. B-B3 P-KR4 38. B-B1 P-B7
Of course, the past president of the
Foguslaw Chess Federation sees that
39. R-KB8 and 40. P-B8(Q) win
the B. And if 39. B-K12; 40. Q-R6,
B-B1; 41. R-Q8, K-K12; 42. P-R6 ch,
KxBP; 43. P-R7, B-K12; 44. P-R8(Q).

Las Vegas (Nevada) Chess Club
banqueted U.S. Women's Champi-
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Frontier preceding her simultane-
ous exhibition at the Silver Slip-
per Ball Room in which the
Women's Champion won 15 games,
drew one and lost 3. Those win-
ning were Nevada State Champion
Maurice Gedance, Utah State
Champion Phil Neff and James
Jackson. Atomic scientist William
Benedetti secured the draw.

Solutions:—

Finish It the Clever Way!
Position No. 87: 1. Kt-K14, K-K5;
2. P-R6, K-K4; 3. P-R7, Draw 1.
K-K16?; K-B5; 2. P-R6, B-B3 ch; 3. K-
K17, K-K4; 4. P-R7, R-B2 ch; 5. K-Kt8,
K-K16; 6. P-R8(K1) ch, K-B3 and wins.
Position No. 88: 1. Q-B8 ch, K-B3;
2. Q-R8 ch, K-B4; 3. P-K14 ch, PXP;
4. Q-Q5 ch, PXR; 5. Q-QB8 ch, QxQ
stalemate.

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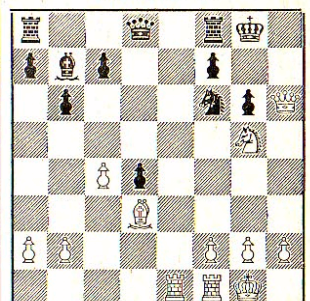
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What's The
Best Move?

By Guillelme Groesser

Position No. 100



r2q1r1k, pbb2p2, 1p3b3pQ, 6S1, 2P4,
3B4, PP3PPP, 4RRK1
White to play
Send solutions to Position No. 100
to the Editor, CHESS LIFE, by
September 20, 1952.

Solution to Position No. 97

This position represents one of the
brilliant winning coups of which the
late Elfm Bogoljubov was a master.
Played against Monticelli at San Remo,
1930, Bogoljubov maneuvered this
winning combination by a startling
1. Kt-K7 ch; 2. RxBt, R-B8 ch; 3.
KtXR, Q-R8 ch; 4. K-B2, Kt-K15 mate.
Most of our solvers found this double-
barrelled sacrifice, but several went
astray. On the suggested 1. Kt-K7
ch; 2. RxBt, Q-R8 ch; 3. KxQ, R-B8 ch;
4. K-R2, Kt-B6 ch; White plays 5. KXP!
and escapes with winning material.
Better is 1. P-R7 ch; 2. RXP! (if 2.
KxP mate follows), Kt-Q4-B6 ch; 3.
RxBt, Q-R8. Now if 4. R-B2?; Kt-R6
seems to give Black a winning position,
although there is much play left in the
position; but if 4. R-Q2!, it is difficult
to see how Black can force a win, al-
though his position is superior.
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BRASKET WINS U.S. JUNIOR!

SIEMMS HOLDS SECOND PLACE, BURDICK, CURRIE, OAKER, TIE

Tourney Small But Quality Finest In U.S. Junior Event at Omaha

The U. S. Junior Championship Tournament at Omaha, August 18-23, was won in spectacular fashion by Curt Brasket of Tracy, Minn. with 8½-1½. At the end of five rounds, Brasket had racked up five wins and from that point on was never in danger, conceding three draws to Robert Currie, John Penquite, and D. B. Martin.

The new U.S. Junior Champion, 19 years old, placed 7th on S-B points in the recent U.S. Open, tied in games won for 4th place with 8-4. In June of this year he won the 28th annual Trans-Mississippi event with 5½-1½, edging out Robert Steinmeyer on S-B points.

There were only 19 entries in the tourney (the smallest entry list for the event), but what the entry list lacked in quantity it made up for in quality. Ross Siemms of Toronto finished second with 7½-2½, losing only to Brasket but drawing with Currie, Burdick, and Oaker.

Third to fifth on S-B points with equal 6½-3½ scores were Don Burdick of Huntington, W. Va., Robert Currie of San Francisco, Calif., and Wm. Oaker of Toronto. John Penquite of Des Moines was sixth with 6-4.

Seventh to tenth on S-B points with equal 5½-4½ scores were D. B. Martin of Fort Worth, Jack Mayer of Louisville, Milt Otteson of St. Paul, and Jim Callis of Wichita.

It was a tournament of the real youngsters with Brasket at 19, Siemms and Currie at 16, Burdick 15, Penquite 17 and Oaker 20. Ontario and Quebec were the Canadian Provinces represented, while California, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Minnesota, Nebraska, New York, Texas and West Virginia were the States.

In the Junior Rapid Transit Curt Brasket and Robert Currie tied for first place with 4½-1½ each. Alfred Ludwig directed both events.

ROZSA CAPTURES COLORADO OPEN

Fifty players from 16 states participated in the 2nd Colorado Open Championship, which was won by Dr. Bela Rozsa of Tulsa, Okla. with 5½-½. Second place went to Blake Stevens of San Antonio, Tex. with 5-1.

Third to sixth on Solkoff points with equal 4½-1½ scores were P. D. Smith of Fresno, John Ragan of St. Louis, Eugene Shapiro of New York City, and Mark Eucher of Los Angeles. Of the eight players with 4-2, seventh place went to Arthur Spiller of Los Angeles and eighth place and the Colorado State title to Jack Hirsch of Denver as ranking Colorado player.

This attractive event was staged in gala style with a cowgirl at head of parade and a cheerleader at rear. The Denver Chess Club pouring cold drinks for the players, courtesy of the director, while cigarettes were furnished by the Denver Club. Merle Reese again directed the event.

STARK TRIUMPHS IN D.C. OPEN

M. S. Stark, former District Champion, won the District of Columbia Open Championship 7½-1½ in a 26 player Swiss event, losing no games but drawing with John Rice, N. Bakos and M. Wiener. Second place with 7-2 went to F. B. Campomanes of Manila, P.I. who lost one game to Stark and drew with Wiener and Bakos. C. D. Mott was third with 6½-2½, while fourth to seventh on S-B points with equal 6-3 scores were N. Bakos, CHESS LIFE columnist Edmund Nash, and H. E. Cimermanis. A few familiar names like Oscar Shapiro were missing from the list this year, but a few long-missing faces were seen in their stead. CHESS LIFE Problem Editor Vincent L. Eaton was among the latter, showing the lack of practice a long absence from tournament chess inevitably creates; Eaton won the District title in his last appearance some ten years ago.

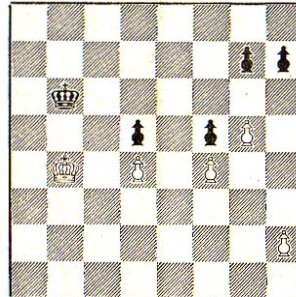
TRI-CITY CHESS HONORS CONDON

Tri-City Chess Club (Borger, Tex.) held a 5 round Swiss Rapid Transit Tourney in honor of Dr. F. E. Condon, departing charter member of the club, who has accepted a position as assistant professor of chemistry at City College of New York. Dr. Condon was also presented with a chess book autographed by the club members as a token of their appreciation of the work he had done to create interest in chess in the Tri-City area. In the tourney, Dr. Andries Voet placed first with 5-0. O. D. Thompson was second with 4-1, and tied for third on S-B points with 4-1 each were Dr. F. E. Condon and A. C. Loyd.

BOHATIR'K LEADS LUEBBERT TOUR'Y

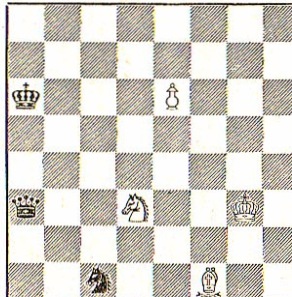
As the first Leubbert Invitational Correspondence Tourney begins to approach the end, the standings show Dr. F. Bohatir'chuk in the lead with 13½-2½, closely followed by Muir with 13-6, Jones with 12½-2½, and Weaver Adams with 11-1. Other scores are: Mrs. Piatigorsky 10-4, Dr. M. G. Sturm, Brask and Kujoth 8-4 each, Magee 8-7, Hickman 8-9, Burger 6½-½, Luebbert 5½-½, Pohle 5½-½, Underwood 5-3, Ludwig 4½-6½, Weiss 4-5, Mann 3-3, Sandrin 3-12, Hartleb 3-13, Howarth 2-19, Mrs. Wigren 1-20, and Smith 0-21.

Position No. 99
By Carl E. Diesen
No. Tonawanda, N. Y.
Unpublished



8, 6pp, 1k6, 3p1pP1 1K1P1P2, 8, 7P, 8
White to play and win

Position No. 100
By Vincent L. Eaton
Silver Spring, Md.
Unpublished



8, 8, k3P3, 8, 8, q2S2K1, 8, 2s2B2
White to play and draw

White To Play And Win!

Conducted by William Rojám

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THE first position above is an interesting study in the technique of winning the opposition in a semi-locked Pawn ending. Note that the White King can hold the fort indefinitely, but he cannot break through the barrier unless the Black King moves first.

Our second position represents the easiest of three original studies by problemist Eaton (we will publish the toughies later), in which Knight, Bishop and Pawn skillfully combine to draw against Black Queen and Knight.

For solutions: please turn to Page four.

US TEAM ENTERS IN TITLE FINALS

Although losing 3-1 to the Soviet team in the last qualifying round, the U. S. Team won a place in the final title contest, placing second in Group C. Evans lost his first game in the tourney to Vassily Smyslov, while Arthur Bisguier bowed to Boleslavsky. On second board Robert Byrne drew with E. Geller and George Koltanowski in his first appearance drew with Alexander Kotov. Neither Reshevsky nor Keres played in this encounter.

In Group A the three qualifying teams were Argentina with 25½-6½, West Germany with 23-9, and Czechoslovakia with 22½-9½. In Group B it is Sweden with 21-7, Hungary with 20½-7½, and defending Champions Yugoslavia with 17½-9½. In Group C it is USSR with 23½-4½, USA with 18-10, and Finland with 17-11.

STANDINGS IN INTER-NATIONAL

Qualifying Rounds			
GROUP A			
Argentina	25½-6½	Cuba	14-18
W. Germany	23-9	Iceland	12½-19
Czechoslovakia	22½-9½	Saar	10½-21½
England	18-14	Luxembourg	23-29½
Denmark	15½-16½		
GROUP B			
Sweden	21-7	Austria	11½-16½
Hungary	20½-7½	Brazil	10½-16½
Yugoslavia*	17½-9½	Italy**	9½-16½
E. Germany	13½-14½	Norway**	5-21
*One adjudged game; **Two adjudged games.			
GROUP C			
USSR	23½-4½	Holland	13½-14½
USA	18-10	Poland	12½-15½
Finland	17-11	Switzerland	7½-20½
Israel	15½-12½	Greece	4½-23½

WASH TRIMMED IN B. COL. MATCH

In the International Chess Match at Mt. Vernon (Wash.), the Washington team took a real trimming from British Columbia this year, losing 20½-26½.

In the B Section Washington scored a 9-8 victory, but in the A section lost 18½-11½ despite a 4-3 margin on the first seven boards.

SEEK TO MATCH RESHEVSKY, KERES

Negotiations for a match between Samuel Reshevsky and Paul Keres, the Estonian player who holds the Soviet Championship, were initiated by Alexander Bisno, president of the Manhattan Chess Club. Reshevsky has already won similar matches against Miguel Najdorf of Argentina and Svetozar Gligoric of Yugoslavia. Keres expressed willingness to play but acceptance of the match depends upon the decision of the chess authorities in the USSR.

KARFF JOINS BAIN AS MOSCOW ENTRY

USCF Team Manager Alexander Bisno has been officially notified by FIDE that a place has been found in the Women's World Championship Tournament at Moscow for Miss N. May Karff, former U. S. Women's Champion, in addition to the place already reserved for U. S. Women's Champion Mrs. Mary Bain. So the USA will again have two representatives. In the first Women's World Championship, won by Mde. Rudenko of the USSR, the USA was represented by Miss Karff and Mrs. Gisela Gresser, then U. S. Women's Co-Champions.

Entry in the Interzonal Tournament at Saltzjobaden remains undetermined, as it is reported that neither Larry Evans nor Robert Byrne can play, as originally planned.

RICHARD BOYER

On August 21, after a brief illness, Richard Boyer, twenty-year old co-champion of Buffalo, passed away. Boyer, whose many friends everywhere will be shocked at the suddenness of his passing, had just triumphed in the current Buffalo tourney, scoring 8-2 to tie with veteran Roy Black for the city title.

USSR TRIUMPHS AT HELSINKI

Russia's chess team won the final round from Sweden 3-1 and thus coasted to victory over the battling Argentina team. Defending champions, the Yugoslavs, placed third, while Czechoslovakia by a 3-1 victory over West Germany slid into fourth, one point ahead of the USA, which had a bye for the final round.

In the non-championship finals Holland scored an impressive victory, with Israel a close second, followed by East Germany and Poland in a tie for the third spot.

Championship Finals

USSR	21-11
Argentina	19½-12½
Yugoslav	19-13
Czechoslovakia	18-14
U. S. A.	17-15
Hungary	16-16
Sweden	13-19
W. Germany	10½-21½
Finland	10-22

Group Two

Holland	21-11
Israel	19½-12½
E. Germany	16½-15½
Poland	16½-15½
Denmark	16-16
Cuba	15-17
England	14-18
Austria	13-19
Italy	12½-19½

COLLINS TAKES NEW YORK TITLE

In a Garrison finish Jack Collins outlasted Max Pavey, who led the early rounds, to win the New York State Championship at Cazenovia with 7½-1½, losing none but drawing three. Max Pavey, who won the first four games and drew the fifth with Collins to lead the first half, placed second in a tie with Anthony E. Santasiere at 6½-2½ each. Fourth place with 6-3 went to Allan Kaufman, while Frank Anderson of Toronto shared fifth with Eliot Hearst and defending champion James Sherwin, and Louis Levy at 5½-3½ each.

The deciding game was the 8th round encounter of Collins and Sherwin in which the latter, in time pressure, fell into a trap. Thereafter the victor was hard to overtake.

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SEVEN'S THE MAIN

Numero deus impare gaudet
—VIRGIL, Eclogae

WITH this issue CHESS LIFE enters into its seventh year; and the gods delight in odd numbers, if we may trust Virgil's testimony. Thus the omens are favorable, even as the Romans would have it, for what promises to be a year of great decision.

For it becomes increasingly obvious that chess players as a body must make a critical decision—either they will resolve to support the U. S. Chess Federation for the manifest benefit of chess in the USA, or they will reject the opportunity with finality and domination of American chess activity will return to the hands of that small and autocratic group whose fingers released control with utmost reluctance not many years ago.

In making the decision, chess players will be well advised to consider what alterations were made in the chess panorama of the USA by the rise of a national democratic chess organization and ponder on the faint possibility of the survival of such innovations under the autocratic management of a select group whose primal concern has always been the promoting of "master" chess and has been distinguished at all times for its complete indifference to chess for the average player.

It was the American Chess Federation (a fore-runner of our present Federation) which established the "Open" tournament at Chicago in 1934 despite the protests of a number of reactionaries who clung determinedly to the concept of an invitational event for a select few. Of the committee who made this progressive break with tradition Albert Margolis, Samuel Factor and Charles Leech have passed to their reward, while Elbert A. Wagner, Jr. and Lewis J. Isaacs have retired from active organizational work. But the concept they establish grew until the U. S. Open Tournament seems a fixture in American chess life as a players' tournament. But, despite its popularity, how long would it last if the reins fell in the firm hands of those who were only interested in "master" chess?

It was the U. S. Chess Federation which established the concept of open qualification for entry into the U. S. Championship Tournament, testing various methods in various years. Difficulties in arrangement made the 1951 event an invitational affair, but despite deliberate sabotage of the 3-year cycle plan by a group in New York the next U. S. Championship event will be in some form of open qualification. Yet the sabotage of the 3-year cycle plan by a New York group should warn the chess player what he must expect if he fails to support the Federation instead surrenders it back to the mercies of a chosen few.

It was the U. S. Chess Federation, which through CHESS LIFE, popularized the Swiss System tournament, which made it intelligible with its own box-score table and published articles on the procedure of conducting the Swiss. The autocrats are not interested in the Swiss, for it is primarily for the mass of players and not for the few.

Finally, it was the U. S. Chess Federation which created the National Rating System over the vociferous opposition of many chess autocrats who feared their own standings and that of their favored proteges might be impaired by any system that revealed in cold mathematical terms the comparative performances of all players in competition. How long would the Rating System last among the autocrats?

These are the questions that the average chess player should consider carefully—and having considered them, join hands with his fellow players throughout the land in making the U. S. Chess Federation truly representative of chess in the USA.

This is the year of decision!

Montgomery Major

SOUTHERN CHESS ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIP

Meridian, 1952

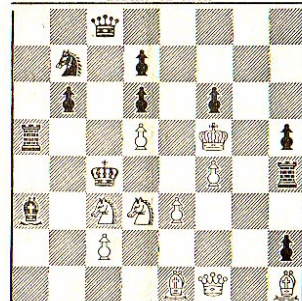
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2. F. R. Payne	W19	W17	W7	W3	D1	D4	W10	6-1
3. H. A. Moutzon	W20	W18	W14	L2	W12	D5	W7	53-13
4. C. P. Cray	W11	L7	W10	L3	W15	D2	L1	43-23	18.00
5. John Koen	L14	L15	W23	W11	W9	D3	W12	43-23	15.25
6. Ben Rudich	L1	W23	W20	L7	W19	D12	W13	43-23	12.00
7. E. A. Brown	W21	W4	L2	W6	W8	L1	L3	4-3	15.00
8. J. B. Holt	W16	W12	L1	W9	L7	L10	W17	4-3	13.00
9. J. D. McInnis	W22	W17	L8	L5	W19	W14	L4	4-3	9.50
10. A. H. Gaede	W14	L4	W20	W16	W8	L2	L4	4-3	9.00
11. W. B. Poff	W4	W21	L12	L5	W22	W18	W16	4-3	9.00
12. Nestor Hernandez	W9	L8	W11	W19	L3	D6	F5	33-33	12.25
13. T. E. Makens	W23	L1	D18	L4	W17	W14	L6	33-33	7.25
14. L. L. Foster	3-4 (5.00); 18. B. L. Smith	3-4 (8.75); 15. C. Wingard	3-4 (6.75);						
17. F. Parham	3-4 (5.00); 18. B. L. Crowder	23-43 (4.50); 19. W. T. Miller	25 (6.00);						
20. W. H. Cleveland	2-5 (4.00); 21. T. Dantzier	2-5 (4.00); 22. J. T. Pinkston	2-5 (2.00); 23. H. H. Long	1-6 (0.00).					

Mate The Subtle Way!

by Vincent L. Eaton

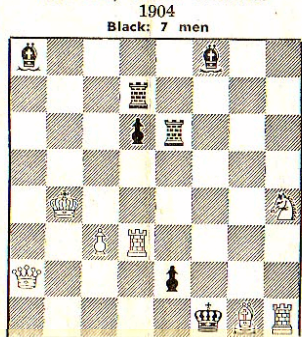
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Problem No. 359
By G. H. Drese
1st Prize, British Chess Fed.
1931
Black: 12 men



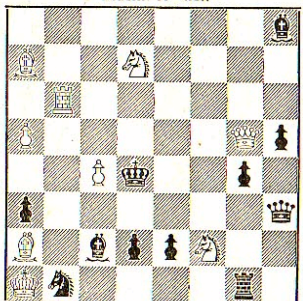
White: 10 men
2q5, 1slp4, 1p1p2, r2p1k1p, 2k2p1r,
b1ssP3, 2P4p, 4BQ1B
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 361
By Godfrey Heathcote
1st Prize, "Revue d'Echecs"
1904
Black: 7 men



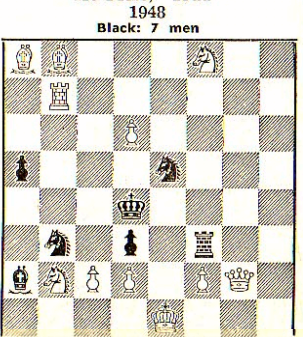
White: 7 men
b4b2, 3r4, 3p3, 1K5S, 2PR4,
Q4b3, 5KBR
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 360
By Jan Hartong
"Western Morning News and Mercury," 1925
Black: 11 men



White: 9 men
7b, B2S4, 1R6, P5Qp, 2P2p1, p6g,
B1bpps2, Ks4r1
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 362
By L. Loshinsky
1st Prize, "Trud"
1948
Black: 7 men



White: 11 men
BB3S2, 1R6, 3P4, p3s3, 3k4, 1slp1r2,
BSP1PQ1, 4K3
White mates in three moves

For solution to previously published problems, please turn to page four.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS for the year ending June 30, 1952

Balance June 30, 1951	\$ 399.77
Receipts:	
Dues	\$3,851.50
CHESS LIFE	461.20
CHESS LIFE Advertising	85.04
Contributions	577.10
National Chess Coordination Program:	
Michigan Chess Association	96.00
Pennsylvania State Chess Federation	26.00
Tennessee Chess Association	4.00
Texas Chess Association	36.00
Trust Accounts:	
British Chess Magazine, Chess World, etc.	160.16
Sale of Year Books	2.50
Rating Fees Received	5,362.00
	5,761.77
Disbursements:	
Stationary and Supplies	183.27
Postage, Express and Parcel Post	245.08
Telephone and Telegraph	26.02
CHESS LIFE	4,376.42
Refund of Trust Accounts:	
Michigan Chess Association	96.00
Pennsylvania State Chess Federation	26.00
Tennessee Chess Association	4.00
Texas Chess Association	36.00
British Chess Magazine, Chess World, etc.	148.00
Services of Rating Statistician	300.00
Alain C. White Chess Problem Composing Fund	30.00
Refund of over payments of dues	4.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	68.84
	5,543.63
Balance on hand, June 30, 1952	\$ 218.14
Disposition of funds:	
National Bank of Detroit	\$ 83.14
Petty Cash Fund—Cincinnati	25.00
7. H. E. Cimmerman (Washington, D. C.)	50.00
8. A. J. Galvins (Washington, D. C.)	10.00
10. R. C. Simpson (Annapolis, Md.)	50.00
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Washington, 1952

1. M. S. Stark (Silver Spring, Md.)	W16	D9	D5	W15	W7	D4	W2	W3	W3	73-13	41.50								
2. F. B. Campanones (Manila, P. I.)	W3	W7	W23	W14	D4	W17	L1	W8	D5	7-2	34.50								
3. C. D. Mott (Silver Springs, Md.)	L2	D20	W13	W10	W15	W5	W17	L4	W4	63-23	31.75								
4. M. Wiener (Washington, D. C.)	W11	W22	W14	D17	D2	D1	D8	W10	L3	6-3	29.25								
5. N. Bakos (New York, N. Y.)	W10	D17	D1	W22	D8	L3	W9	W18	D2	6-3	28.75								
6. Edmund Nash (Washington, D. C.)	L9	L18	W12	W16	W21	L8	W7	W17	W15	6-3	26.50								
7. H. E. Cimmerman (Washington, D. C.)	L3	D9	W20	L1	W19	L6	W16	W17	53-33	23.00									
8. A. J. Galvins (Washington, D. C.)	L14	W12	W18	W19	D5	W6	D4	L2	L1	5-4	25.00								
9. John Rice (Bradbury Hts., Md.)	W6	D1	D7	W23	L17	W18	L5	D15	D10	5-4	24.25								
10. R. C. Simpson (Annapolis, Md.)	L5	D13	W16	L3	W22	W14	W21	L4	D9	5-4	19.75								
11. Jos. Callaway (Washington, D. C.)	L4	D16	L20	L13	W25	W36	D14	W24	W19	5-4	13.50								
12. Karl A. Baer (Washington, D. C.)	L21	L6	W26	W20	W23	L15	W22	W18	5-4	13.50									
13. N. L. Coleburn (Washington, D. C.)	L7	D10	L3	W11	L24	W20	L16	W23	W21	43-43	17.00								
14. Durwood B. Hatch (Arlington, Va.)	W8	W21	L4	L2	L19	L10	D11	W25	W22	43-43	15.50								
15. D. M. Scheffer (Washington, D. C.)	L19	W26	W21	L1	L3	W24	W12	D9	L6	43-43	13.50								
16. W. J. Nucker (Arlington, Va.)	L1	D11	L10	L6	W26	W25	W13	L7	W24	43-43	12.00								
17. V. L. Eaton (Silver Springs, Md.)	4-5 (19.00);	18. C. R. Wallace (Washington, D. C.)	4-5 (15.00);	19. Michael Thiles (Baltimore, Md.)	4-5 (14.00);	20. R. C. Beemon (Quantico, Va.)	3-5 (10.25);	21. M. L. Seideman (Silver Springs, Md.)	3-6 (11.00);	22. Vincent Saportito (Washington, D. C.)	3-6 (6.50);	23. Dillard Stokes (Washington, D. C.)	3-6 (6.50);	24. Sam Stone (Washington, D. C.)	3-6 (6.50);	25. Isabel Lynne (Washington, D. C.)	2-7 (3.00);	26. Maude G. Sewall (Washington, D. C.)	0-9 (0.00).

Chess Life In New York

By Eliot Hearst

THE Marshall Chess Club was the scene of an important motion picture production one Tuesday evening recently! It seems that the U. S. State Dept., preparing a film to be distributed in Central Europe (particularly Germany and Austria) on the subject of Greenwich Village's cultural aspects, chose the famed chess center as one of that district's most important intellectual attractions. And so several movie cameras greeted the entries to the weekly rapid transit tourney that evening—Donald Byrne, Jim Sherwin, Walter Shipman, and Herb Seidman are now not only names in the chess world alone, but also in the life of Greenwich Village! A brilliant (?) bit of acting was put forth by Jerry Donovan and Mrs. Mary Bain, who played the respective parts of a new visitor registering at the club's entrance and a charming member welcoming him. Both have already voiced their intentions to campaign vigorously for the "Oscar" nominations next year!

But despite all the production paraphernalia, the director's instruction, and various other interruptions, the rapid transit moved along smoothly and finished no later than usual. Nothing will keep chess players from their games, it appears.

The championship prelims at the Marshall are progressing more swiftly now as the summer draws to a conclusion, and the leading scores in the 4 sections already started are: J. Richman (4-0), P. Miller (3-0), W. Goldwater (2½-½), H. Eckstrom (2-0), C. Pilnick (2-0), R. Greenbaum (2-0), and E. Mednis (2-0). A fifth section will be begun shortly, which includes among its entry list two previous finalists, P. Brandts and Mrs. G. K. Gresser.

IN BRIEF: The New York Times recently featured another illustrated article on the chess shelter, now almost completed, and to be used for cold weather play in Central Park. There has been more publicity on this new construction than on any other phase of chess life in New York . . . Art Feurestein (5-1) leads the Marshall summer junior tournament . . . Manhattan C. C. rapids, now divided into A, B, and C sections, has a weekly entry averaging around forty, thus bearing out Hans Kmoch's original thought that most players would prefer to play in sections of equal strength, rather than the more usual single section open to all, weak or strong . . . All (?) New Yorkers are now leaving for Cazenovia and the New York State Championship.

For The Tournament-Minded

September 27-28

Washington State Open Championship, Seattle, Wash.

At Seattle Chess Club; begins 10:00 a.m.; open to all; 6 round Swiss; entry fee \$2.00.

By KENNETH HARKNESS
USCF Rating Statistician

(Kenneth Harkness, co-author of "An Invitation to Chess" and author of "Invitation to Bridge" is the inventor of the mathematical rating system adopted by the USCF to rank American chessplayers. In this series, Mr. Harkness explains the mechanics of the system.—The Editor.)

U. S. OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP, Tampa 1952				AVERAGE: 1980	
No. Player	Net Score	Last 2	Work-Sheet	Compe-	Perfor-
				tion	mance
1. Larry Evans	9-2	2650	2650	2254	2587
2. A. Pomar	9-2	2273	2410	2290	2582
3. Donald Byrne	9-1	2359	2443	2279	2529
4. P. C. McCornu	9-3	2194	2163	2217	2467
5. Carl Pilnick	8-4	2258	2258	2244	2411
6. R. T. McCornu	8-4	2172	2125	2111	2278
7. C. J. Braskett	8-4	2049	2140	2140	2249
8. Eliot S. Hearst	8-4	2308	2385	2385	2371
9. Dr. A. Mengarini	8-4	2305	2305	2186	2353
10. Karl H. Langer	8-4	2221	2211	2160	2285
11. A. E. Santasiere	7-4	2342	2293	2293	2183
12. Robert S. Brieger	7-4	2110	2020	2014	2139
13. Ivan Romanenko	7-4	1977	2120	2117	2242
14. Edgar Medina	7-4	2108	2113	2113	2254
15. Jose R. Florido	7-4	2190	2190	2190	2230
16. James T. Sherwin	7-5	2306	2318	2318	2338
17. Herman Steiner	7-5	2427	2369	2369	2345
18. J. F. Donovan	7-5	2274	2274	2149	2232
19. Alfred C. Ludwig	7-5	1980	1965	2040	2123
20. Lee T. Magee	7-5	2180	2054	2118	2201
21. Miguel Colon	7-5	2272	2166	2196	2059
22. Myron Fleischer	7-5	1974	2051	2037	2120
23. William A. Bills	7-5	1880	1898	1875	1950
24. Charles Sharp	7-5	1944	1944	2039	2122
25. Ignas Zalus	7-5	2051	2051	2051	2120
26. Reuben Klugman	6-5	2183	2183	2183	2057
27. Kenneth R. Jones	6-5	1926	1926	2070	2120
28. Mrs. G. Piatigorsky	6-5	1840	1813	1949	1991
29. Ralph Hurlbert	6-5	2079	2079	2079	2046
30. Kit Crittenden	6-5	2083	2066	2066	2072
31. Rafael Cinton	6-5	1983	1983	1983	2013
32. Michael Yairon	6-5	2072	2072	2072	1971
33. Leo Kupchuk	6-5	2003	2003	1974	1903
34. Nestor Hernandez	5-5	2050	2050	2050	1968
35. Harlow B. Daly	6-5	2008	2040	2040	1981
36. Robert C. Eastwood	5-5	1762	1762	1943	1943
37. Dr. G. A. Koelke	5-5	2029	2183	2183	2084
38. Walter Grombacher	6-6	1879	1895	1895	2052
39. Adolph J. Fink	6-6	2235	2235	2025	2025
40. Arthur R. Spiller	6-6	2198	2165	2165	2032
41. William A. Scott	6-6	1833	1833	1833	1838
42. Lewis J. Isaacs	6-6	Master Emeritus	Master Emeritus	Master Emeritus	Master Emeritus
43. Arthur Caryle	5-4	1966	1822	1822	2018
44. John D. Mager	5-4	1966	1822	1822	1962
45. William M. Byland	5-4	2038	1997	1997	1930
46. James E. Garry	5-4	1974	1995	2058	2016
47. Syvend H. Olsson	5-4	1912	1912	1912	1877
48. Gordon L. Weaver	5-4	1785	1794	1794	1902
49. J. T. Westbrook	5-4	2116	2055	2055	1945
50. P. J. Lavandero	5-4	1822	1836	1891	1849
51. Carl Webster	5-4	1969	1947	1947	1855
52. Bruce J. Sidey	4-4	1706	1706	1706	1615
53. M. R. Rohland	4-4	2073	2099	2099	1808
54. E. J. Van Sweden	4-4	2012	2012	2012	1840
55. Fred W. Drexler	5-7	1899	1899	1899	2040
56. W. D. Drexler	5-7	1655	1716	1716	1809
57. Fred W. Borges	5-7	1905	1809	1809	1809
58. Daniel Fischheimer	5-6	1905	1809	1809	1809
59. J. M. Moulden	5-6	1705	1705	1873	1790
60. Edwin M. Faust	5-7	1872	1872	1821	1738
61. Chester A. Lyon	4-7	1672	1607	1607	1825
62. Jack Shaw	4-7	1797	1797	1797	1796
63. Arthur Montano	4-7	1961	1961	1961	1836
64. E. P. Leibelzern	4-7	1733	1733	1837	1762
65. A. L. Brown	4-7	1733	1733	1837	1762
66. Louis E. J. Marquez	4-7	1926	1926	1926	1811
67. Phil. G. Haley	4-8	2012	1925	2004	1837
68. Bennie F. Lopez	4-8	1647	1622	1763	1596
69. E. Forry Laucks	4-8	1762	1762	1810	1643
70. W. F. B. Clevenger	4-8	1716	1716	1662	1608
71. Kenneth B. Weberg	3-8	1545	1637	1637	1642
72. James B. Gibson, Jr.	2-8	1661	1592	1592	1748
73. B. F. Roberson	2-8	1595	1595	1701	1427
74. Frank R. Graves	1-8	1684	1627	1729	1279
75. Mac Palmer	1-8	1684	1627	1729	1279
76. James A. Freighton	1-8	1608	1640	1640	1502

* Provisional Ratings representing performance in one tournament.
The table above shows how performance ratings were issued for the U. S. Open Championship. The columns of figures are explained in the text.

8. Rating Swiss System Tournaments (continued)

In the seventh article of this series we started a description of the various steps that are taken to rate a Swiss System tournament, using the U. S. Open of 1952 as an example. In the present article we continue the explanation.

4. The fourth step of the process is to issue performance ratings to the players with provisional ratings. This is done as a separate operation so that we may correct the work-sheet ratings of these players before tackling the fully-rated contestants.

When a player has never before competed in a rated event we have to accept his performance as the only available indication of his ability; but we can do something about correcting a possible error in the figure used to represent the strength of a player who has competed in one previous tournament. What we do is to average his provisional rating and his performance rating, then substitute this new figure in the column of work-sheet ratings. We use this corrected rating when finding the competitive averages of his opponents.

We start with the provisionally-rated player who made the lowest score and work upward. For example, to rate the players of this type in the U. S. Open we begin with W. F. B. Clevenger (No. 70) who has a provisional rating of 1716. In the usual way, we write down this player's rating of 1716 points and the ratings of his eleven opponents. The median value of 1835 is Clevenger's competitive average. From this figure we deduct 227 points for the player's 22.7 per cent minus score in a contest of eleven rounds, producing a performance rating of 1608. We insert this figure in the column reserved for the performance ratings of all contestants. Then we average his provisional rating of 1716 and his performance rating of 1608 and get the figure 1662. This half-way value is taken to represent Clevenger's current strength more accurately than his solitary provisional rating of 1716. The latter is crossed out in the column of work-sheet ratings and the average 1662 is substituted.

In the same way, we issue performance ratings and new work-sheet ratings to the other players in this group, working up to Ivan Romanenko whose provisional rating of 1977 under-values his ability. This player made a plus score of 7½-4½ against fairly strong opponents, his competition average being 2117 points. Romanenko earns a performance rating of 2242 and his work-sheet rating is corrected to 2110 points—the average of his provisional rating of 1977 and his performance rating of 2242.

5. As the final step, we issue performance ratings to the fully-rated contestants in the tournament. As a result of the work done up to this point we now have a column of work-sheet ratings that is more accurate than our original list. (The final list is column 2 of the work-sheet ratings in the table above.) We have done all that we possibly can to make sure that the performances of the players with established ratings will not be distorted by mistakes in the ratings of their less experienced opponents.

The ratings are calculated in the same way as for all other players. It does not matter where we begin but we usually start at the top

By E. J. MARCHISOTTI

Buenos Aires, Argentina

WE will point out below some lines of play omitted in "Practical Chess Openings", the great book of chess openings by Reuben Fine. ALEKHINE'S DEFENSE: After 1. P-K4, Kt-KB3; 2. P-K5, Kt-Q4; 3. P-B4, Kt-Kt3; 4. P-B5, Kt-Q4; 5. Kt-QB3, Kt-Kt3; 6. Q-PxKt, P-Q3 Fine indicates now 7. BfPxP (p. 3, c. 10). We consider superior the continuation 7. Q-Kf3. In the game, Kramstov-Waxberg, Saratov 1938, there followed 7., P-KP (better is 7., Kt-B3); 8. B-KKt5; Q-Q2 (if 8., P-B3; 9. B-QB4 or if 8., B-K3?; 9. QxP, Kt-Q2; 10. 0-0-0 or if 9., B-Q4; 10. B-Kt5 ch, etc.); 9. R-Q1, Q-B4; 10. B-B4, Kt-Q2; 11. Kt-B3 with a better game for White.

ENGLISH OPENING: After 1. P-QB4; P-K4; 2. Kt-QB3, Kt-KB3; 3. Kt-B3, Kt-B3; 4. P-Q4, P-P; 5. Kt-P, B-Kt5; 6. B-Kt5, 0-0; 7. R-B1, in place of 7., R-K1 (p. 41, c. 1) a notable improvement is 7., P-Q4! In the game, Samarian-Dr. Balogh, Brasov 1947, there followed 8. Kt-Kt3 (if 8. P-P, QxP; 9. BxKt, PxB with advantage to Black), P-Kt3; 9. P-QR3, (if 9. BxKt, QxP; 10. P-P, P-P; 11. QxP, B-K3 etc.), B-K2; 10. P-K3, B-K3; 11. P-P, P-P; 12. B-K2, P-B4; 13. 0-0, Q-R4; 14. Q-R4, QxQ; 15. Kt-Q, QR-Kt; 16. B-KB4, R-Kt6! with a better game for Black.

KING'S GAMBIT: After 1. P-K4, P-K4; 2. P-KB4, P-P; 3. Kt-KB3, P-KKt4; 4. B-B4, B-Kt2; 5. 0-0, P-Q3; 6. P-Q4, P-KR3; 7. P-B3, Kt-K2; 8. P-KKt3 Fine suggests 8., Kt-Kt3 or 8., P-K5 (p. 119, n. (f), but better is 8., B-R6! In the correspondence game, Marchisotti-Dr. Dieguez 1943, there followed 9. R-K1 (if 9. R-B2, P-P!), P-P; 10. P-P, Kt-QB3 and White's compensation for the material sacrificed is insufficient.

QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED (FARRASCH DEFENSE): After 1. P-Q4, P-Q4; 2. P-QB4, P-K3; 3. Kt-QB3, P-QB4; 4. B-PxP, K-PxP; 5. Kt-QB3; 6. P-KKt3, P-B5; 7. P-K4, P-P; 8. Kt-KK5 the book indicates now 8., QxP or 8., Kt-P (p. 192, c. 99), preferable is 8., B-K2! In the game, Opocensky-Stoltz, Bad Nauheim 1935, there followed 9. BxP, BxKt; 10. Q-R5, P-Kt3; 11. QxP, Kt-B3; 12. 0-0 (if 12. P-Q5, P-KR3!; 13. Q-K3, Kt-Kt5; 14. B-Kt5 ch, B-Q2; 15. K-Q2, 0-0 with equality, Cortlever-Stolz, Beverwijk 1946), 0-0 with even game.

SLAV DEFENSE: After 1. P-Q4, P-Q4; 2. P-QB4, P-QB3; 3. P-P, P-P; 4. Kt-QB3, Kt-KB3; 5. Kt-B3, Kt-B3; 6. B-B4, B-B4; 7. P-K3, Kt-Kt3; 8. Q-Kt3, QxQ; 9. PxQ, R-B1; 10. Kt-K5, P-QR3; 11. Kt-Kt, R-Kt; 12. P-QKt4 Fine follows the path indicated by Purdy 12., P-QKt4 and does not consider 12., P-K4! played by Dr. Troianescu against Dr. Trifunovic at Belgrade 1946. There followed 13. P-P (if 13. P-Kt5, R-Kt; 14. P-P, P-P; 15. PxRP, P-P, etc.), BxP; 14. B-QKt5 (if 14. P-Kt, R-Kt; 15. PxR, BxP ch, etc.), PxB; 15. PxB (if 15. R-R8 ch, K-Q2; 16. R-Kt, Kt-K5 and now 6. Kt-B3 with clearly superior for White, correspondence game, Nutt-Jenkins, 1945).

ALBIN COUNTER GAMBIT: After 1. P-Q4, P-Q4; 2. P-QB4, P-K4; 3. Q-PxP; 4. Kt-KB3, Kt-QB3; 5. QKt-Q2, B-KKt5; 6. P-KR3, BxKt; 7. Kt-B3 the book indicates 7., B-B4 (p. 221, (d)), but better is 7., B-Kt5 ch! In the correspondence game, Toth Vince-Dr. Balogh 1943-44, there followed 8. B-Q2, Q-K2 (Krenosz's brilliant innovation); 9. P-R3!, BxP ch; 10. QxP, 0-0-0; 11. 0-0-0, Kt-P; 12. Kt-Kt, QxKt; 13. P-K3, P-QB4; 14. P-P, R-P; 15. B-Q3, Kt-K2; 16. KR-K1, Q-Q3 with even chances.

QUEEN'S PAWN GAME (WAGNER'S GAMBIT): After 1. P-Q4, Kt-KB3; 2. Kt-KB3, P-K3; 3. B-K5, P-B4; 4. P-K4, P-KR3(?) 5. BxKt, QxP Fine indicates now 6. Kt-B3 (p. 294, c. 181, n. (d)), but clearly superior is the continuation 6. P-K5! and if 6., Q-Q1 (or if 6., Q-Kt3, then 7. B-Q3!, QxP; 8. R-Kt, Q-R6; 9. P-P, Kt-R3; 10. Kt-B3, Kt-P; 11. R-Kt3, Q-R4; 12. Kt-K2 with a better game for White, Wagner-Schoenmann, match 1928); 7. P-Q5!, P-P; 8. QxP, B-K2; 9. Kt-B3, 0-0; 10. 0-0-0, Kt-B3; 11. B-B4 with clearly superiority for White, correspondence game, Nutt-Jenkins, 1945).

of the list and work down. Thus, we start with Larry Evans, winner of the open title. Larry's work-sheet rating of 2650 points and the ratings of his twelve opponents produce a median value of 2254 as his competition average. (This is not as high as it should be and indicates that the rating system could be used to advantage when pairing contestants. Larry did not play against two of the masters in the tournament—Hearst and Mengarini. Note that Sherwin, in 16th place, met the strongest competition.) To Larry's competition average of 2254 we add 333 points for his 33.3 per cent plus score in a 12-round contest, producing a performance rating of 2587 points.

After the remaining contestants have been rated we transfer the ratings of all players to the card index, making out new cards for those with no previous records—and the job is done.

In the table that heads this article we present the statistics of the U. S. Open. The first column after the net scores shows the last average ratings of players with established records. The preliminary and final work-sheet ratings are shown in the next two columns. Under the heading "work-sheet" column 1 is our original list with provisional ratings marked with an asterisk and blank spaces for the unrated players. It is from this list that we find the median value of 1980 for the entire tournament. Here you can also see the effect of bringing a fully-rated player's rating up to date by including his performances in recent tournaments. Column 2 is the final work-sheet list used to find the competition averages of the players with established records. This column includes the performances of un-

rated players and the corrected work-sheet ratings of contestants who have competed in one previous tournament. The two remaining columns in the table show the competition averages and performance ratings of all players.

(This is the eighth of a series of articles by Mr. Harkness. The ninth will appear in the next issue of CHESS LIFE.—The Editor.)

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At Huntington Ave. YMCA, 316 Huntington Ave., Boston 15; 6 round Swiss "A" Class, 6 round Swiss "B" Class, and Junior Tourney; played on succeeding Friday evenings; open to Metropolitan Boston residents including students attending schools in area; challenge trophies and money prizes in each class; Entry fee for Class "A" \$5.00, for Class "B" \$3.00, for Junior entry free to players under 19 (held October 12 at 9:00 a.m.); for entry or details, write: George H. Hopwood, 40 Emerson Road, Watertown 42, Mass.

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Alekhine's Early
Chess CareerAdditional Data
By A. Buschke

V. ALEKHINE IN SOVIET-LAND

ALEKHINE, since his third prize in the "Grandmaster Tournament" of St. Petersburg 1941 considered a "Grandmaster," was of course expected to win, and actually won without a loss, the "Chess Olympics" in Moscow, 1920.

However, looking over the list of participants, which in addition to himself included only 3 other "masters" (Levenfish, I. Rabinovich and A. Rabinovich), his result in this tournament (9 wins and 6 draws) is not particularly convincing. The chess world got used to expecting considerably more formidable results from him later, and that he himself was not satisfied with his achievements can probably be inferred from the fact that he included only one of the games played on this occasion in his "Best Games"***. In addition to this game, we know altogether four other games he played in this tournament, viz., the 3 published in "Schachleben in Sowjet - Russland," of which we also own the manuscripts (two draws with Levenfish and Ilyin - Zhenevsky, and one win against Grigoriev), as well as his win against Pavlov - Pianov (Game no. 52 in Listok Shakhmatnogo Kruzhka Petrogubkommuny 1921 no. 21).

About the quality of his other 10 games in this tournament, we have only indirect ways of forming a judgment. There is, in the first place, the almost contemporary general review, probably by S. O. Vainshtein, in no. 3 (May 8, 1921) of "Listok Shakhmatnogo Kruzhka Petrogubkommuny" stating clearly:

... it has to be noted that the majority of the participants after the long interruption (sc., by war and revolution) could not develop their fighting qualities on the chess field of battle in full measure. No doubt, for instance, Alekhine played below his real strength—he made the first place with great effort and not without Fortuna's assistance. On the other hand, Levenfish, who played better than all others, occupied only third place, due to the fact that in the very beginning of the tournament, when he was not yet in form, he drew or lost several games although he had already attained completely won positions ... Unexpectedly well played Romanovsky ...

No doubt this almost contemporary view is somewhat nearer the truth, as regards Alekhine's games, than Levenfish's short remark:

Alekhine was then already a first-class grandmaster. His victory in the Olympics was entirely convincing. (Shakhmaty v SSSR 1950, no. 10, page 290)

and the reason for Levenfish's statement might be his wish to find an excuse for not having been able to beat Alekhine in their individual game ("This interesting drawn game was my last encounter with Alekhine," ibidem), although

Alekhine's position hung literally on a hair. But there he showed his high class (Levenfish, ibidem).

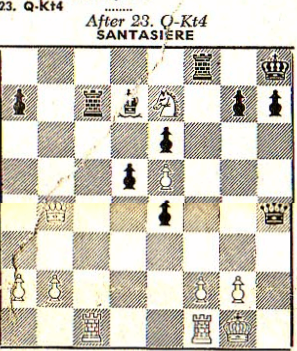
This game, which we will reproduce with Levenfish's as well as Alekhine's own notes, was also one of the two from the Olympics which Bogoljubov included in his "Selected Games ... played between 1919 and 1925" (in Russian, Leningrad-Moscow, 1926, no. 43, p. 159; and in Part II (1920-21) of his "Klassische Schachpartien aus modernen Zeiten," Berlin - Leipzig, 1926 (in German), no. 17, p. 36; providing it both times with the concluding remark "an instructive game which was played without reproach by both parties."

*Zubarev, in "Shakhmaty v SSSR" 1945 no. 3, p. 73 ("25 Years" in Russian), erroneously states that, in addition to the four recognized masters Alekhine, Levenfish, I. and A. Rabinovich, there participated also 14 of the strongest first-category players—there were really only 16 players altogether, the four Please turn to page 4, col. 5

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CARO-KANN DEFENSE
U. S. Open Championship
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U. S. Open Championship
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D. B. RINE 1. K1-B3 P-Q4
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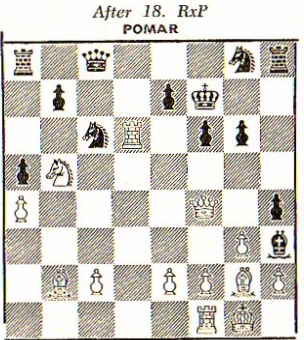
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Luebbert Invitational Tourney
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White
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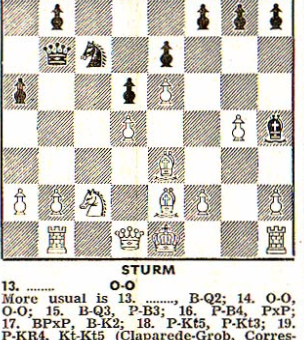
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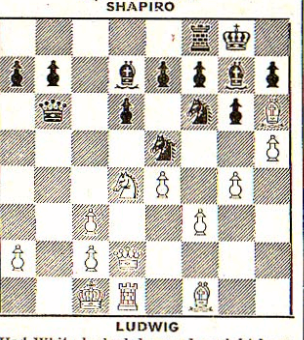
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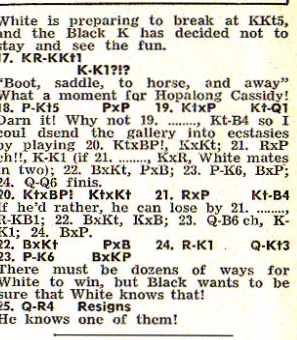
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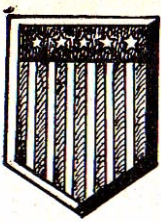
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STEINER, SUESMAN TRIUMPH

76 PLAYERS VIE SOUTHWEST OPEN

Herman Steiner, in route to the Interzonal Tournament at Stockholm, paused at Dallas long enough to win the Southwest Open Championship with 6½-½, drawing with R. H. Steinmeyer in the semi-final round. Steinmeyer placed second in the 76 player event with 6-1, drawing also with Hugh Myers of Decatur, Ill. Third to sixth on S-B points with equal 5½-1½ scores were John B. Payne of San Antonio, Hugh Myers, W. A. Bills of Houston, and Norman James of Corpus Christi. As ranking Texas player John B. Payne become Texas Champion.

It was a very representative tournament, with players from California, Missouri, Illinois, Kansas, Oklahoma, Mississippi, Arkansas; and one of the largest of the ever-popular Southwestern events. Miss Maxine Cutlip of Wewoka, Okla., retained the women's title with 2½-4½ as the ranking woman player. D. B. Martin of Fort Worth as the ranking Junior player gained the Southwestern Junior title.

It was also a very exciting race, for while Steiner won consistently, his victory was not clear until he had defeated Steinmeyer in the semi-final round, for Steinmeyer was trailing by only one-half point until that moment. And until he lost to Steiner in the fifth round, R. B. Potter of Dallas was running neck and neck with the former U. S. Champion.

HERNANDEZ WINS FLORIDA TITLE

Nestor Hernandez of Tampa won the Florida State Championship with 5½-½, drawing with Arthur Montano. Montano placed second, while Constantine Rasis who led most of the way finished third with 5-1. E. P. Lebzelter was fourth and Horace Taylor fifth. Trophies were presented to the five leaders by the Sarasota Chamber of Commerce.

At the annual election of the Florida Chess League, Phil C. Knox of DeLand was elected president, James B. Gibson, Jr. of Tampa first vice-president, Charles Banks of Sarasota second vice-president, and Major J. B. Holt of Long Beach secretary-treasurer.

IDAHO DEFEATS UTAH IN MATCH

At the Eccles Hotel in Logan the invading Idaho chess team met and bested the Utah defenders in the annual Idaho-Utah team match for the Deseret News Trophy. The score of the double round event was 15-11 in favor of Idaho, which barely lost the Trophy last year by the margin of one-half point.

In the match enterprising 12-year-old Keith Larson of Utah showed his skill by playing two boards simultaneously, ending with an even score against both opponents. The match ended with a chicken picnic at Guinivah Park in Logan Canyon on Sunday. Judge Leon Fennesbeck of Logan acted as host for the match.

SUESMAN REPEATS IN NEW ENGLAND

Drawing one game with Shelbourne Lyman, Walter Suesman of Providence, R.I. successfully defended his New England Championship title at Newburyport, Mass., racking up a 5½-½ score in the 36 player event. But it was a race all the way, and Suesman did not have his title cinched until he defeated John Pamiljens in the final round.

Second place on S-B points went to Julien Keillon of Cambridge, Mass. with 4½-1½, losing one game to Suesman and drawing with Donald Hurst. Third to sixth, tied in S-B points and game score with 4½-1½, on a special tie-breaking system were John Pamiljens of Hartford, Conn. (A recent Latvian arrival), Orlando Lester of Newport, Mass., Donald Hurst of Leominster, Mass., and James Bolton of New Haven, Conn.

Weaver Adams, who was pre-tourney favorite and lost the title last year on S-B points, was out of form and finished with 4-2 for 7th place. Also scoring 4-2 were K. Kochman of Hartford, Conn., and Kazys Merkis of So. Boston, Mass.

Sol Rubinow, Mass. State Champion, won the first New England Speed Championship. Mrs. Peggy Gould won the first Woman's New England title, defeating Mrs. Ruth Lester 3-1 in a four game match. The tournament was directed by Orlando Lester and Bartlett Gould.

NEDVED REPEATS IN ILLINOIS

Kimball Nedved of Glencoe retained the Illinois State title with 6-1 in the 42 player event at the Fort Armstrong Hotel, Rock Island. Nedved drew with Paul Poschel and John Tums, and clinched the title in the last round by besting Roy Berg while Albert Sandrin was defeating his only rival in Paul Poschel.

Second and third with equal 5½-1½ scores on S-B points were Albert Sandrin and Daniel Fischheimer of Chicago. Sandrin lost to Roy Berg and drew with Karl Wiegmann, while Fischheimer lost to Nedved and drew with Walter Grombacher. Fourth to sixth with 5-2 scores were Paul Poschel, John Tums, and Lewis J. Isaac, all of Chicago.

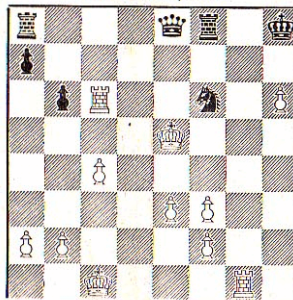
An innovation was the banquet held on Saturday evening at which the problems of Illinois chess were discussed and the players made recommendations to the ISCA Board of Directors.

STEINER LEAVES FOR STOCKHOLM

Former U. S. Champion Herman Steiner has left for Sweden where he will join former U. S. Open Champion Arthur Bisguier as USA representatives in the Interzonal event will be qualified to enter the World Championship Candidates Tournament in 1953.

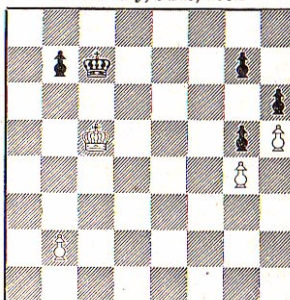
Canada's representative to this Interzonal event, Paul Vaitonis of Hamilton, Ontario, the 1951 Canadian Champion, has already sailed for Sweden.

Position No. 89
Albert Welsh vs. R. Buskager
Battle Creek, 1952



r3qr1k, e7, 1pr2slp, 4Q3,
2P5, 4PP2, PP3P2, 2K3R1
White to play and win

Position No. 90
Botvinnik vs. Flohr
Shakhmaty, June, 1952



8, 1pk3pl, 7p, 2K3pP, 6P1, 8, 1P6, 8
Black to play and win

Finish It The Clever Way!

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A BRILLIANT first move starts a five-move mating combination in Position No. 89.

David Bronstein, who drew Botvinnik in a match for the world title, arrived at Position No. 90 in refutation of Botvinnik's claim that White had a won endgame (White actually won the game, as Black failed to see the continuation which, had Botvinnik played as he said he intended, would have led to the position in the diagram). The win is simple, once you get the idea.

Several solvers have suggested 1. Kt-Kt5 as a winning move in Position No. 85. However, 1..... RxBtP is more than a satisfactory answer, according to Franklin J. Sanborn of Boston and Albert Welsh of Battle Creek.

For solutions please turn to Page Six.

HUDSON TAKES LOUISIANA MEET

John Hudson, familiar figure in Philadelphia chess, won the Louisiana State Championship 5½-½, commuting from Kessler Field, Miss. to achieve the victory. He drew with W. G. Addison of Baton Rouge. Newton Grant of Thibodaux was second with 5-1, losing a game to Hudson. Third to fifth respectively on S-B points with 4½-1½ each were A. B. Wills of New Orleans, W. G. Addison and A. L. McAuley of New Orleans. Wills lost to Hudson and drew with Addison and E. Pelton of New Orleans. McAuley lost a game to Grant and drew with A. M. Lockett of New Orleans.

The tournament was held at the Hotel New Orleans and directed by Newton Grant and A. B. Wills, with A. Wyatt Jones of Shreveport assisting. At the annual meeting of the Louisiana Chess Association, Newton Grant was elected president, and A. L. McAuley secretary-treasurer and editor of the L.C.A. News Letter. A Wyatt Jones and W. Frank Gladney were appointed USCF directors.

BURGER WINS CCLC TOURNEY

R. Burger with 3½-½ won the Central California Chess League Tournament and qualified for a place in the California State Championship event. Burger drew with M. O. Meyer who placed second with 3-1 in the 12 player event at Modesto. Third to fifth on S-B points with 2½-1½ each were M. Hailparr, L. E. Davis and M. E. Mattingly.

WICHER TAKES GEORGIA TITLE

Dr. Enos R. Wicher, recently become a Georgia resident as head of the Physics Dept. of the Atlanta Division of the University of Georgia, totaled a perfect 6-0 score to win the Georgia State Championship at Atlanta, defeating 1950 State Champion Grady Coker in the final round. Dr. Wicher is a former Trans - Mississippi and Wisconsin State Champion.

F. E. Johnstone, member of the faculty of the University of Georgia at Athens, placed second with 5-1, losing only to Dr. Wicher. Third to fifth on S-B points with equal 4½-1½ scores were Sgt. Walter Collins, Grady Coker, and former State Champion A. C. Davis. The event drew 33 players and was directed by Dr. Hugh Taylor.

At the annual business meeting, Paul Davis of Atlanta was elected president of the Georgia Chess Association, with T. M. Hart as vice-president, and T. C. Kindel of Atlanta as secretary-treasurer.

MANNEY TOPS SEAFAIR EVENT

In the first chess tourney held in connection with Seattle's annual Seafair, despite the competition of the Gold Cup speed-boat races, 13 players contested in the chess event with O. W. Manney scoring 4½-½ for first place, while Dan Wade placed second with 3½-1½, and Charles Joachim was third on S-B points with 3-2.

In the Junior Seafair, Alan Clark won 3-0, while Stan Huseland, Ted Warner and Eugene Kerr shared second with 2-1 and equal S-B points.

McCLELLAN TOPS PENN STATE MEET

A dark horse in Don H. McClellan, cost analyst of Jeannette, Pa., edged out David Hamburger of Pittsburgh and Saul Wachs of Philadelphia on S-B points for the Pennsylvania State Championship at Somerset. All three scored 5½ and were undefeated. McClellan drew with Hamburger, Wachs and Robert Sobel; Hamburger (who placed second) drew with McClellan, Wachs, and Henry Chu; while Wachs drew with McClellan, Hamburger, and Fred A. Sorenson.

Fourth to sixth on S-B points with equal 5-2 scores were Fred A. Sorenson, Robert Sobel, and Arthur Mease, while 7th to 13th with 4½-2½ each were Michael Yatron, Thos. B. Gutekunst, Paul Sheer, Bert H. Lubar, J. Hobbs, H. F. Wright, Jr., and Paul Dietz, Jr.

The event at Somerset, directed by Harry Morris, drew 46 players, including former State Champions Gutekunst and Dietz, and former U.S. Junior Champion Saul Wachs; and despite its distance from the seaboard stronghold of Pennsylvania chess there were only a few names missing, principally former Champions H. V. Hesse, S. T. Sharp, J. Levin and W. A. Ruth. Of these, Ruth was present but did not play, while former champions Byland and Morris devoted their time and energy to administrative duties.

The Pennsylvania Speed Championship drew 18 players with two 9 - player preliminaries qualifying six contestants for the finals. Saul Wachs won the title with 5-0, while Harry Morris was second with 3½-1½ and Thomas Gutekunst third with 3-2. In the preliminaries Dave Spiro won Group A with 7½-½ while Wachs was second with 7-1 and P. B. Driver third with 5-3, while in Group B Gutekunst scored 7-1 for first with Harry Morris second with 6½-½ and Dale Schrader third with 6-2.

WHITAKER TOPS W. VA. TOURNEY

N. T. Whitaker of Washington scored 5½-½ in the West Virginia Championship, drawing one game with G. W. Armstrong to top the field. But the West Virginia title went to Dr. Siegfried Werthammer of Huntington for the 8th time, who placed second with 4½-1½, losing to Whitaker and drawing with Donald Burdick.

Dr. L. C. Young of Madison, Wis. placed third with 4-2; and Donald Burdick, Edward Foy and Charles Morgan tied for fourth with 3-2½ each. Burdick and Morgan became West Virginia Junior Co-Champions.

In the West Virginia Open Tournament victory went to Rudd Neel, oldest competitor in the congress, with a perfect 6-0 score. Second place went to Cpl. Dave Marples with 5-1, and H. McClung was third with 3½-2½. Both events were held at the Beckley Elks Club.

Harlow Warren of Beckley was elected president of the West Virginia Chess Association, with Edward Foy of Charleston as vice-president and William Hartling of St. Albans as secretary-treasurer.

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WILLIAM E. NAPIER

CHESS must regret the passing on September 6th of William E. Napier at the age of 71. Born in England, he came to the USA at the age of 5 with his family. At the age of 16, William Napier won a tournament from former World Champion William Steinitz. Subsequently he won the British Championship twice, received the Rothschild Brilliance Prize at Monte Carlo in 1902, participated in the famous Cambridge Springs Tournament and won in 1904 a master tournament in London, ahead of Teichman, Blackburne and Gunsberg.

These are but a few highlights of a brief and brilliant chess career, which ended too soon when Mr. Napier retired from tournament chess. In business, he was equally successful, retiring recently as vice-president of the *Scranton Life Insurance Co.* Students will remember gratefully not only his own games, which were distinguished, but also "Napier's Amenities and Background of Chess Play," published in collaboration with his brother, Edward.

American chess players united in extending their deepest sympathy to Mrs. Napier and his daughters, Miss Ruth A. Napier and Mrs. Robert J. Weichel.

NO MONEY, NO SWISS

Point d'argent, point de Suisse.

—RACINE: Plaidiers

GLANCING at the mounting heap of tournament reports from all corners of the USA, where chess became the celebration for a Labor Day weekend, we cannot help but ponder on the changes that have taken place. Racine, speaking of the Swiss mercenaries (those crack troops of his age) ruefully remarks: "no money, no Swiss." But times have reversed the adage and we can say it doesn't take much money for a Swiss.

It was not so long ago that most state and regional championships were contested in round-robin style — formal events into which the entry was difficult for a new-comer and the expenses formidable for the average purse. Such formal tourneys required two weeks of play and of necessity absorbed the players' whole vacation time or else dragged on interminably when played on week-ends over a period of months. Each player's outlay in time and money for his own expenses were considerable; and in consequence the prize awards must justify the expense.

But with the Swiss system, lo! the scene has changed almost overnight, and in events like the Southwestern Open players finish in a long week-end an event which would run over a month in round-robin style, even with two games every day.

The impetus that such open events have given chess is incalculable; but a reflection can be seen in the size and number of such tournaments being held. Each year see an increasing number of events; each year sees an increase in the number of players at each event.

And not only can they be staged at less expense to the individual player, but they can also be arranged with less expense to promoting committees, for the prizes need not be as large to be adequate to the event. For most chess players are not playing for money; they are satisfied with the honor and the opportunity of regaining merely their expenses in playing.

On the other hand, we must agree with Jack Straley Battell's remarks in Chess Review to the effect that a Swiss does not entirely supersede a round-robin event. We join with him in advising clubs (where time is not a factor) to continue with round-robin play for club events; we prefer to see city titles awarded on a round-robin basis (for here again time is not a factor).

But for states and regions, let us have the Swiss — it serves the purpose of bringing together the players of an area as no other event will do; and thus it builds chess.

The fundamental weakness of the Swiss is duofold: 1) it depends of the skill of the director in pairing (plus a modicum of luck) to give complete justice; 2) it produces of necessity a host of ties for which the Sonneborn-Berger system of tie-breaking (originally intended to be used in round-robin events) is inadequate.

The answer to the second weakness has been found in the Solkoff modification of the S-B system in which weight is given to losses as well as to wins and draws; and each year more events are turning to the Solkoff system for tie-breaking.

The answer to the first weakness is now under observation in the pairing system devised by USCF Statistician Kenneth Harkness. We

publish in this issue a full description of this method of pairing by National Ratings — a system which was tested for the first time in several large events. Later, we plan to publish an analysis of the actual results achieved by this system in those events in which it was tested. If the results measure up to our expectations, the really only important weakness in the Swiss system has been conquered.

Montgomery Major

Mate The Subtle Way!

by Vincent L. Eaton

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Contemporary American Composers — 1

EDGAR HOLLADAY

EDGAR Holladay is a bright, personable young man who for more than two years has been the able problem editor of the *American Chess Bulletin*, oldest active journal of its kind in the United States. A graduate of the University of Virginia, he cultivates chess problems as one of his relaxations from service in the United States Army.

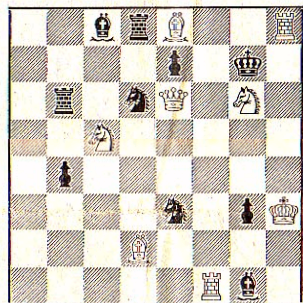
He began composing in the early 1940's and, before joining the *American Chess Bulletin* staff, was for a time problem editor of the *Cleveland Chess Bulletin*, where he drew an international following. The majority of his problems have been two-movers, with emphasis on presenting complex themes in polished, attractive settings. In recent years he has also become prominent in the three-move field, producing lightweight settings with clusters of model mates and more complicated blends of Black-White strategy. Though still in his 20's, he is no longer a "promising" composer; he has long since established himself as one of our finest, and will undoubtedly remain one of our leaders for many years to come.

CHESS LIFE solvers are already familiar with his work—with his second and third prize winners in our last international composing tourney and with other problems that have appeared in this column from time to time. Following is his own selection of four of his best problems that have not previously appeared in these pages.

Problem No. 363

By Edgar Holladay

Hon. Men., BCF Tourney, 1949-50
Black: 10 men

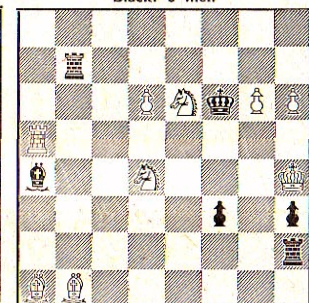


White: 8 men
2b2R2, 4p1K1, 1r1sQ151, 2S5, 1p6,
4s1pK, 3B4, 5R1
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 364

By Edgar Holladay

V., Commended, "American Chess
Bulletin," 1945
Black: 6 men

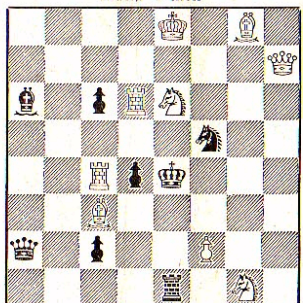


White: 9 men
8, 1r6, 3P3KPP, R7, b2S3K, 5p1p, 7r, BB6
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 365

By Edgar Holladay

"Christian Science Monitor,"
Feb., 1952
Black: 8 men

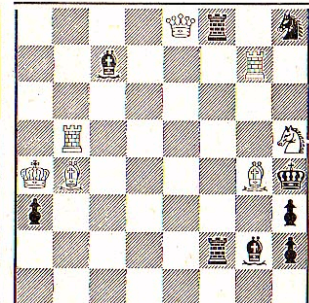


White: 9 men
4K1B1, 7Q, b1PR33, 5s2, 2Rpk3, 2B5,
q1p2P2, 4r1S1
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 366

By Edgar Holladay

"American Chess Problemist," 1951
Black: 9 men



White: 9 men
4Qr1s, 2b3R1, 8, 1R5S, KB4Bk,
p6p, 5r6p, 8
White mates in three moves

The Reader's Road To Chess

By Kester Svendsen

EPIC BATTLES OF THE CHESSBOARD: THE TITANIC CLASHES OF CHESS HISTORY. By R. N. Coles. Edited and revised by Fred Reinfeld and I. A. Horowitz. New York: David McKay Company. 173 pp., numerous diags. \$3.

THE outstanding characteristic of these games is their fighting quality. The giants predominate; most of the fifty given are by such as Marshall, Capablanca, Lasker, Alekhine, Pillsbury, Steinitz, and Blackburne; but lesser knowns are grand fighters too. Try Pleci-Fengio, Mar del Plata 1936; Nyman-Skold, Stockholm 1943; or Barden-O'Kelly, Hastings 1949. The series begins with two games of the McDonnell-Labourdonnaix match of 1834, moves through the exploits of Morphy, Tchernin, Tarrasch, and Janowski, and concludes upon Rossolimo's play with the Black knights against Matanovich in the Staunton Centenary 1951. Well-worn favorites necessarily crop up. How could an editor omit Lasker's win from Napier, Cambridge Springs 1904, or Capablanca's first experience with the Marshall attack in the Ruy Lopez? Another "must" in such a collection is the Ulvestad-Reinfeld draw, Ventnor City 1939, rapidly becoming famous as one of the most tre-

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Chess Life In New York

By Eliot Hearst

MOST tournaments are simply contests of chess skill — a series of games leading up to an eventual winner. A select few, however, are more than just an accumulation of chess scores; there are incidents inside and outside the tournament rooms which are both unique and interesting besides. This year's New York State Championship was such a tourney, filled with amusing and unusual occurrences, and, while many may consider Jack Collins' popular victory exciting enough in itself, we will leave a report on that triumph to the news columns of Chess Life and concentrate on the lighter side of the news here.

The story that all the other competitors in the Congress begged us to retell concerns a certain game contested in the Experts Tourney between two gentlemen (?) whom we shall designate as S. . . and G. . . (why they are better left nameless will be apparent shortly). At the time of the game G. had an excellent chance of winning the tourney but soon found himself in a relatively hopeless position, a queen, two rooks, and two pawns behind. His only chance was a slight one; S. had "only" thirty minutes left for five moves! S. forgot to punch his clock and G., rapidly taking advantage of his big opportunity, began discussing the weather, sports, and the growth of his happy family. As the ten-minute mark approached he started speaking of his promise to a "little girl that he would win this game" (like Babe Ruth himself). Five minutes to go!! G. noted that his score sheet was incorrect; S. generously loaned his for aid and, after seven minutes, G. graciously handed it back and claimed the game on time! There was nothing for Malcolm Sim, the director, to do but forfeit the unfortunate S.; S. and G., once good friends, for some reason are not on speaking terms any longer! We and at least thirty-five others can declare that this was probably the first game ever won with such a great disparity in material!

ODDS AND ENDS . . . Very seldom do chess fans hear of an opponent offering a draw in a won position or resigning in a drawn one. Both happened in this tourney! Jim Sherwin, relieved at just completing his usual twenty moves in the last two minutes, offered Pavey a quickly accepted draw in a winning ending, while Burger, after making twenty-five fine moves in a short time versus the same Pavey, thought forty-five minutes on his first move after time pressure and resigned an easily drawn King and Pawn ending, not noting a simple king finesse. If he had still been in time pressure he may well have found the equalizing line! . . . DeLieto thus caught up with Burger in the last round in their neck and neck race to draw the most games — six! . . . Collins seemed in bad luck early in the tourney when Dr. Schmidt was called away in the middle of their game to deliver a baby in his home town of Homer, about forty miles away. The eventual victor was as a result forced to contest almost two complete games the next day — the termination of his regular contest with Schmidt and the momentous struggle with Pavey of the next round. P. S. The doctor's rush call proved to be a false alarm! . . . The gradual piece by piece destruction of a church steeple across the street from the Cazenovia Junior College where the tourney was played created much interest among the contestants. Alton Cook, (Please turn to page 4, col. 1)

The pairings of a Swiss System tournament produce some peculiar results, as anyone who has played in these events knows well. The winner's title may be clouded because he failed to meet some of his strongest competitors. Others place high in the final standings after meeting comparatively weak opposition. A player may shoot up from nowhere in the last round or two and outdistance contestants who played far stronger opponents.

In a tournament for an important title, the Swiss System must be regarded as inferior to a round-robin if the winner does not meet all the strong contenders. However, the Swiss has a great many practical advantages. These advantages so greatly outweigh its known defects that the system is now used in practically all state, regional and national tournaments with the exception of the United States Championship. If a better method of pairing contestants will cure the faults of the Swiss System, the quality of all the present tournaments will be improved and the system can be used for the U. S. Championship itself.

As an example of what can happen, we present in the table below an analysis of the pairings for the top twenty players in this year's U. S. Open Championship at Tampa. In doing so, we imply no criticism of the tournament director. Our quarrel is with the present method of pairing by lot, not with the director who follows standard procedure in this respect.

Rank	Player	Score	Opponents Among Top 20	Opponents Below Top 20
1.	Evans	10-2	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 16, 17	42, 47, 49
2.	Pomar	9-3	1, 3, 4, 5, 8, 11, 13, 16, 17	26, 27, 39
3.	Don Byrne	9-3	1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 10, 12, 17	26, 28, 39
4.	Le Cornu	9-3	1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 9, 16, 17	37, 38, 42, 51
5.	Pilnick	8-4	1, 2, 3, 6, 8, 12, 13, 16, 17	21, 27
6.	McCormick	8-4	1, 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19	21, 22, 27, 50, 70
7.	Braslet	8-4	2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 11, 13, 16, 17	25, 29, 32, 40, 41, 48
8.	Hearst	8-4	2, 5, 7, 11, 13, 15, 16, 17	40, 46, 47, 51
9.	Mengarini	8-4	3, 4, 10, 16, 18	27, 37, 39, 50, 55, 58, 72
10.	Burger	7-5	1, 3, 9, 12, 14, 17, 20	21, 24, 35, 39, 61
11.	Santasiere	7-5	1, 2, 6, 8, 12, 13, 16, 18	40, 45, 52, 67
12.	Briegleb	7-5	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 11, 13, 16, 17	27, 31, 35, 44, 47, 56
13.	Romanovsky	7-5	2, 5, 8, 11, 14, 16	26, 34, 38, 39, 61, 73
14.	Mednis	7-5	7, 10, 13, 17	29, 30, 37, 38, 42, 46, 55, 59
15.	Florida	7-5	8, 17, 18	22, 27, 39, 40, 45, 48, 51, 53, 60
16.	Sherwin	7-5	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 11, 13, 17	25, 30
17.	Steiner	7-5	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 14, 15, 16	38, 73
18.	Donovan	7-5	3, 6, 7, 9, 11, 15, 20	30, 37, 41, 43, 63
19.	Ludwig	7-5	6, 12, 21, 22	26, 28, 29, 34, 40, 42, 44, 61
20.	Magee	7-5	5, 7, 10, 18	21, 26, 29, 42, 43, 49, 57, 60

Bearing in mind that the winner's pairings are the first consideration, we are bound to ask why Larry Evans played the men who came in 42nd, 47th and 49th instead of three of the strong contenders he did not meet—especially Hearst, Mengarini and Donovan, three rated masters who performed well at Tampa. The answer is that Larry played the opponents who finished below the top twenty in the first three rounds of the tournament. With 76 players in the contest, the luck of the draw gave Larry three opponents who failed to make the grade later. Being the highest-rated player by a wide margin, the U. S. Champion would probably have kept the open title in any case. Even if he had played Hearst, Mengarini and Donovan, Larry would probably have risen to the occasion and put forth the extra effort needed to win the tournament. However, the actual outcome cannot be considered entirely satisfactory. After all, Mengarini beat Reshevsky in the last U. S. Championship!

Below top place, it is clear that some of the men in the list might have finished lower if they had met stronger opponents. Our sympathy goes to Jimmy Sherwin who was unlucky enough to draw the strongest field of the entire tournament. Measured by the rating system, Sherwin's competition averaged 2305 points! Steiner also met pretty stiff opposition—stronger than most of the players who finished above him. While Sherwin and Steiner were battling their brains out against practically every master and leading contender in the field, some of the other players coasted in ahead of them by scoring against comparatively weak opponents. Needles to say, the players who came in below the top twenty were not pushovers by any means. Many were probably stronger than some of the prize-winners who slipped into the money brackets on pairing flukes. However, all the active masters placed among the top twenty, and only a few of the strong experts failed.

It has occurred to this writer that the rating system might be used to advantage when pairing the contestants in a Swiss System tournament. Based on this conception, we have developed a method of pairing which may correct most of the faults and inequities described above. At present, the method is theoretical. It has not been tested in practice, so it re-

mains to be seen whether the theory is sound. With the co-operation of the directors of some forthcoming tournaments, we hope to check the results achieved and report the outcome later.

To use the method successfully, most of the players in a tournament must have national ratings. We hope the day will come soon when practically all players are rated, and we are rapidly reaching that goal. In the U. S. Open this year, only 5 of the 76 entries had no previous ratings. However, we cannot guarantee that this method will help much if you are running a tournament with a large number of unrated players. Furthermore, the method will prove most effective when nearly all the entries have given us an opportunity to measure their ability by playing in several tournaments. A rating that is based on the results of only one or two tournaments is not necessarily a true indication of a player's strength.

Since the method is based on the rating system, the ranking of the entries must be done by your rating statistician who alone has all the necessary data. The up-to-date ratings of some players may be higher or lower than the published list indicates, and a great many names in our files may be missing from the list. If you wish to test this method, mail a list of all the possible entries, giving their full names, to this writer at the address given in the masthead of CHESS LIFE. We will send you by return mail the up-to-date ratings of players on your list. The provisional ratings of players who have competed in only one rated tournament will be marked with asterisks. Then, about an hour or two before the tournament begins, you may telegraph the full names of unexpected entries and we will wire back their ratings (collect!) adding the prefix "pro" to the name of a player with a provisional rating. For example, PROWILLIAMS 1850 would mean that player Williams has a provisional rating of 1850. Please note that all ratings supplied for the purpose of ranking tournament entries are confidential, for your own use exclusively as tournament director.

The pairing method is explained in the following paragraphs:

1. Make up a ranking list of all entries, arranged in the order of their ratings, from the highest down to the lowest. Add at the bottom the names of all unrated players, arranged in alphabetical order.

Last-minute entries will have to be included with the unrated players, or you may use the last published ratings of any rated players who come in too late to be included in your telegram. Try to avoid getting too many of these by stating a closing time for entries in your advance announcements. On the ranking list, mark the names of unrated and provisionally-rated players with asterisks. Also mark the pairing cards of these players.

2. Give each player a number, according to his rank. The first man on the ranking list is No. 1, the second is No. 2, and so on. Transfer these numbers to your pairing cards, but write the numbers in pencil. At the end of each round you will have to change some of the rank numbers to compensate partially for inaccuracies in the ranking of unrated and provisionally-rated players. If any player whose card is marked with an asterisk wins a game from a player with a lower number (higher on the list), promote the winner by two ranks; if he draws, promote by one rank. On the other hand, demote by two ranks for a loss to a player with a large number, by one rank for a draw. For instance, if an unrated or provisionally-rated player bearing the number 48 wins from No. 32, promote the winner to No. 46 and change the previous Nos. 46 and 45 to 45 and 44 respectively. Reverse the procedure for a loss to a lower-ranking player. (When this method is put into practice, these changes be found unnecessary, or some different adjustment may have to be made.)

3. Divide the list of ranked entries, including the names you have added, into an EVEN number of groups so that each group has at least the same number of contestants as there are rounds to be played. For example, the U. S. Open had 76 entries and played 12 rounds. To find the number of groups we divide 76 by 12 and get the figure 6 as the highest even quotient. Six groups of 12 take care of 72 of the entries, but there are four left over. To adjust this, we put 12 players in each of the top two groups, and 13 in each of the other four. Another example: A 7-round tournament has 63 entries (too many for the number of rounds, but it happens!). Dividing 63 by 7 gives us the figure 9 as the highest even quotient. Eight groups of 7 account for 56 of the entries. To adjust, we put 7 players in each of the top two groups, 8 players in each of the next five groups, 9 in the bottom group. One of the players in the last group has a bye in the first round, the name to be chosen by lot. Note that at least the top two groups should have the same number of players as the number of rounds, if possible. Occasionally, it may be necessary to divide a small tournament into groups containing less than the number of rounds. For instance, an entry list of 24 players should be divided into four groups of six to play from five to seven rounds.

4. For the first round, pair in the numbered order the members of the top group against the members of the second group. Similarly, pair the third group against the fourth, and the fifth against the sixth, etc. For example, to apply this system to the U. S. Open, players 1 to 12 on the ranking list play 13 to 24; and 25 to 37 play 38 to 50; and 51 to 63 play 64 to 76. In the top group, player No. 1 is paired with No. 13 (the head man of group 2); player No. 2 is paired with No. 14, and so on. The same order is maintained in the other pairings between groups.

Unless an unrated player surprises (and this does not happen often), the eventual winner of the tournament is almost certain to be in one of the first two groups. By pairing in this way you make sure that the winner will not play a weak opponent in the first round. (Please turn to page 5, col. 2)

MAGEE TRIUMPHS IN MID-WEST OPEN

Lee Magee at his dashing best won the Mid-West Open Championship at Omaha, finishing his rigorous schedule with four wins and two draws. Only eighteen players participated, but the field was stronger than usual. The only person missing in the array of talent was Nebraska Chess Editor Jack Spence, defending champion, who is temporarily residing in Denver. Magee drew with Penquite and Liepnicks.

John Penquite, Iowa Champion, was second with 4½-1½, drawing with Magee, Liepnicks and Ludwig. Victor Pupols and Alexander Liepnicks finished third and fourth respectively on S-B points with 4½-1½ each. Alfred Ludwig was fifth with 4-2, while Jerry Belzer, also with 4-2 was sixth. Alfred Ludwig directed the event, which was held in the Crystal Room of the Rome Hotel.

PHILLIPS WINS IN NEW MEXICO

Jim Phillips of Albuquerque won the New Mexico State Championship handily with 7-0 in the 47 player Swiss event at Albuquerque. He had the personal satisfaction of turning back each of the three most persistent contenders in his encounters in the 4th, 5th, and 6th rounds with Eugene Shapiro, John Ragan, and F. T. Coleman.

Second to fourth on S-B scores with equal 5½-1½ points were Eugene Shapiro of Roswell (formerly of New York), John Ragan of Roswell (formerly of St. Louis), and F. T. Coleman of Santa Fe. Beside losing to Phillips, Shapiro drew with Ragan, and Coleman drew with Champ B. Tyrone of Las Vegas.

Fifth to eighth on S-B points with equal 5-2 scores were Champ B. Tyrone, H. B. Sheffer, H. Jones, and Jack F. Shaw.

DUNKEL TAKES GARY TITLE

Six ranking survivors in two four round preliminary events met in a round-robin tourney for the Gary City Championship. Victory went to George O. Dunkel who scored 3½-1½, dropping one game to Merila and drawing with George Martinson. Martinson was second with 3-2 and Schuringa placed third with 2½-2½.

BISNO ATTENDS FIDE CONGRESS

USCF President Harold M. Phillips, acting in his capacity as FIDE Vice-President, has appointed Alexander Bisno as his representative at the annual FIDE Congress at Stockholm to cast the USA vote upon all matters under discussion in regard to international chess affairs.

Among important matters under discussion will be the proposal of New Zealander Wade to combine the USA and Canadian Zones into one zone—a proposal bitterly opposed by the Chess Federation of Canada and not viewed with favor in the USA. Other important items for action will be the sites and arrangements for the World Championship Candidates' Tournament in 1953 and the Junior World Championship event.

It is the hope of Mr. Bisno, acting in conjunction with Mr. Lessing Rosenwald and other patrons of chess on behalf of the U. S. Chess Federation, to bring the 1953 World Championship Candidates Tournament to the USA. Mr. Bisno, president of the Manhattan Chess Club and manager of the USCF team at Helsinki, has informed FIDE that, assurance had been given him by the Soviet players, in the case of acceptance, that they would pay their own travel expenses. Decision will be made on this bid at the annual FIDE Congress at Stockholm, held in conjunction with the Interzonal Tournament at Saltsjbaden, September 15-22.

Alekhine's Early Chess Career

Additional Data By A. Buschke

V. ALEKHINE IN SOVIET-LAND

While the final results of the tournament were long known from score tables published in several Russian publications, details about the actual progress of the tournament and how Alekhine gathered his final score of 12 points (9 wins, 6 draws), i. e., 80 percent, have only recently come to light in an article "The First Championship of the Country" (in Russian) by Romanovsky in "Shakhmaty v SSSR," 1950, no. 10, p. 290. Some additional details could be supplied from the notes in Alekhine's manuscript referring to the rounds in which the respective games were played—provided of course that these notes are reliable.

In spite of, or possibly thanks to "Fortuna's assistance" mentioned before, Alekhine's progress appears to be quite even; after the first third of the tournament, round 5, he had 4 points but shared the leader's honors with Romanovsky who had won four and lost one game, and with A. Rabinovich who had won his first four games in succession but lost in the fifth round to Romanovsky.

In the 6th round Alekhine drew with Levenfish, in the seventh with Ilyin-Zhenevsky (a game of which the latter was justifiably proud, since Alekhine "saved himself from defeat only so-so, in a study-like way": Ilyin-Zhenevsky, *Memoirs of a Soviet Master*—in Russian, 1929, p. 45, and which he reproduced with Alekhine's notes from the latter's "Schachleben in Sowjet-Russland" with some additional remarks which we will have occasion to convey to our readers).

He then won three games in succession, finishing the second third of the tournament (rounds 6-10) again with a score of 4 points for a lead with 8, ahead of Romanovsky, 7½, A. and I. Rabinovich, each 7, Levenfish 6½, Blumenfeld 6.

In the last third of the tournament (rounds 11-15) Alekhine again accumulated 3 wins and two draws for a final score of 12, in other words, he went through the tournament with exactly the identical result of 4 points for each third of the tournament. For the last two-thirds, we happen to be able to piece his progress together round by round, since we happen to know that he beat I. Rabinovich in the 13th round and drew with Romanovsky, in a very insignificant 16 move game in the 12th, and that his standing before entering the final round was 11½, 1½ points ahead of the runner-up Romanovsky, and therefore assured of first prize. Alekhine's progress therefore looks as follows:

Round:	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII
Score:	4	4½	5	6	7	8	9	9½
XIII	XIV	XV						
10½	11½	12						

Since Alekhine won in the 11th round while his nearest competitor, Romanovsky, lost, he was then 1½ points ahead and no longer in any danger.

"Of the game between the two leaders, only the initial moves have been made public by Romanovsky, in his aforementioned article, p. 291: "In the 12th round playing White against Alekhine, I selected the Four Knights' Game. After 4. B-K4, K-Q5; 5. K-K4, P-K4; 6. P-K3, P-K4; 7. P-K4, Q-K3; 8. Q-P4, Q-K4; 9. Q-K2, the Queens were exchanged, and in the 16th move Alekhine offered me a draw." Obviously, considering his standing in the tournament, 1½ points ahead of his opponent and only three rounds before the end, this was the least risky procedure for Alekhine—he might also have remembered that Romanovsky was one of the two in the "Amateurs' Tournament" of St. Petersburg 1909 from who he had had to take a defeat.

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4. Hugh Myers (Decatur, Ill.)	D2	W37	W60	W18	D3	W5	W13	5-1	23.50																																		
5. W. A. Ellis (Houston, Tex.)	W30	D36	W25	D12	W47	D4	W21	5-1	21.25																																		
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7. J. M. Moulden (Dallas, Tex.)	W53	W20	L3	W19	L13	W26	W34	5-2	19.50																																		
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Mt. Vernon, 1952

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2. O. Manney	2. N. Jurevics
3. D. Joachim	3. F. Miller
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5. Max Bader	5. J. Taylor
6. Jack Nourse	6. N. Pratt
7. V. Hultman	7. G. Prentice
8. V. W. Bever	8. Moore
9. R. Collins	9. F. Attkov
10. D. Chipman	10. Pilkington
11. D. Chrough	11. Engelman
12. D. Allyn	12. H. Burrell
13. Dr. Shepherd	13. Humphries
14. T. Warner	14. H. Butler
15. T. Davidson	15. W. Filley
16. L. Rickford	16. R. Stevenson
17. B. Brdstrom	17. Fraser
18. Grimhagen	18. Sarakanas
19. M. Bader, Jr.	19. Money
20. J. Ring	20. G. Stevenson
21. Beiden	21. Wilson
22. O. LaFriere	22. Lacy
23. S. Nourse	23. Russell
24. L. Thompson	24. Arden
25. H. E. Yocum	25. Carlsen
26. T. Dolle	26. Dr. Lawson
27. J. Bader	27. Mushey
28. H. Roberts	28. Harrison
29. Case	29. Bryant
Washington 11	Columbia 18

B Section

Washington	British Columbia
1. Abbott	1. Powis
2. F. Burgess	2. McCharles
3. C. Walker	3. O. Crompton
4. Butler	4. Hennessey
5. E. Ayer	5. Hennessey
6. G. Lalzure	6. Bryner
7. S. Miller	7. Chapman
8. Leach	8. Kent
9. Stender	9. Streeter
10. Train	10. Esau
11. Faithful	11. Bock
12. Peter Husby	12. Motterhead
13. Leach	13. Whitman
14. Ithil	14. Garrett
15. Ryan	15. Hooker
16. C. Bushnell	16. Ashworth
17. Foster	17. Ashworth
Washington 9	Columbia 8

GENESEE COUNTY CUP

TEAM TOURNEY

Cazenovia, 1952	10-13
1. Erie County	3 3 4
2. Schenectady	2 2 2
3. Broome	2 2 2
4. Onondaga	2 2 2

GARY CITY CHAMPIONSHIP

Gary, 1952	3-13
1. Dunkel	1 1 1 0
2. Martinson	1 1 1 0
3. Schurunga	1 1 1 0
4. Isailovich	1 1 1 0
5. Rhead	1 1 1 0
6. Merila	1 1 1 0

IDAHO-UTAH TEAM MATCH

Logan, 1952

Idaho	Utah
1. La. Klinton	1. Taylor
2. Stewart	2. Pethakis
3. H. Klinton	3. Clark
4. Harshburger	4. Clayton
5. Ellis	5. Metzlaar
6. Crawford	6. Madsen
7. Wehber	7. Pomesbeck
8. Brede	8. Pomesbeck
9. Sampson	9. Stromberg
10. Dr. Maeser	10. K. Larson
11. Memmott	11. K. Larson
12. Dr. Larson	12. K. Larson
13. Ahlander	13. K. Larson
Idaho 15	Utah 11

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Jr. was seen giving many helpful (?) hints to the laborers involved in the work.

IN BRIEF: George Krauss and Dick Vogel, two of the strongest members of the Marshall C. C.'s men in the armed forces, have returned to the U.S. and will be discharged shortly. . . The New York Times editorial "Bravo Byrne," extolling the U.S. team member's victories over Elisaskes, Bronstein, and Pirc, was an unexpected and pleasing bit of publicity for chess and the U.S. team.

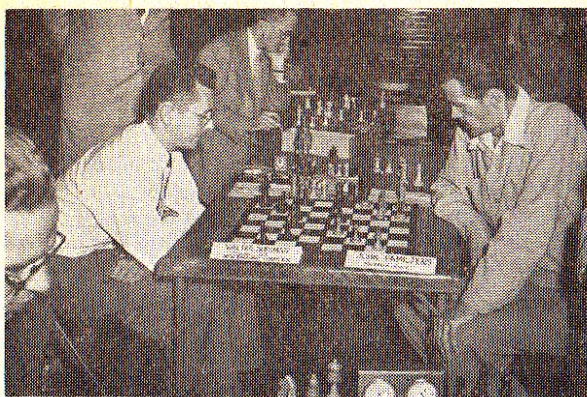
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3. Saul Wachs (Philadelphia)	W14	W19	D						
4. Robert Sobel (Philadelphia)	W9	D6	L7	W30	W31	W19	D1	5-2	29.00
6. Arthur Mason (Reading)	W31	D5	D18	W10	L8	W29	W12	5-2	28.00
7. Michael Featon (Reading)	W13	D4	W5	W23	L3	W14	L2	4-3	28.00
8. Robert G. Gaudin (Lansdowne)	W15	D18							
9. Paul Sherr (Allentown)	L5	W13	W19	D29	D24	W20	D8	4-2	27.50
10. Bert H. Lubar (Philadelphia)	W33	L2	W28	L6	W38	D25	W24	4-2	26.00
11. J. Hobbs (Pittsburgh)	L38	W15	D33	W36	W23	L12	W26	4-2	24.00
12. H. F. Wright, Jr. (Westville, N. J.)									
13. Paul Dietz, Jr. (Pittsburgh)	L7	L1	W35	W32	W29	D8	L6	4-2	24.00
14. Glenn E. Hartleb (Erie)	L3	D26	W40	W20	W21	L7	D17	4-3	23.00
15. Gordon A. Marcus (Philadelphia)	L4	L11	L22	W38	D30	W33	4-3	25.50	
16. R. B. Bender (Johnstown)	L39	L27	W42	L19	W39	W40	4-3	23.00	
17. R. B. Bender (Johnstown)	W44	L29	W39	L18	D30	W23	D14	4-3	19.50
18. Henry Chu (Philadelphia)	W24	D8	D6	W17	D2	L4	L13	3-3	32.00
19. Dave Spiro (Philadelphia)	W26	L3	L9	W16	W37	L5	D20	3-3	28.50
20. W. Leon Arkless (Lansdowne)	W38	W35	L14	W40	L12	D1	3-3	26.00	
21. E. N. Spector (Philadelphia)	L1	L30	W15	L23	L27	W11	W37	3-3	24.50
22. Wm. R. Hamilton (Pittsburgh)	W30	D36	W34	L7	L11	L7	W39	3-3	24.00
23. Norman B. Fields (Reading)	L18	W46	D31	W33	D9	D21	L10	3-3	22.00
24. Thos. B. Eckenrode (Lancaster)	L19	D14	W38	L8	L33	W44	W32	3-3	20.50
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26. Philip E. Driver (Ridley Park)	L20	W42	L10	L15	W39	D21	3-3	19.50	
27. John G. Harrison (Harrisburg)	(25.50);	30	John	G	W	G	Harrison	(Johnstown)	
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In the silent struggle for the New England Championship, John Pamiljens (right) faces Walter Suesman in the game that decided the title.

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GEORGIA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Atlanta, 1952

1. E. R. Wicher (Atlanta)	W30	W25	W13	W2	W9	W4	6-0	20.50
2. F. E. Johnston (Athens)	W32	W24	W11	L1	W14	W9	5-1	14.00
3. Walter Collins (Macon)	L14	W29	W8	W28	W13	D5	4-1-1	13.25
4. Grady Coker (Augusta)	D16	W17	W12	W24	W15	L1	4-1-1	13.00
5. A. C. Davis (Atlanta)	L24	Bye	W33	W11	W6	D8	4-1-1	10.75
6. G. Knight (Atlanta)	L13	W21	W7	W25	L5	W15	4-2	12.00
7. Lewis R. Lang (Columbus)	W21	L13	L6	W18	W28	W12	4-2	11.50
8. Paul Davis (Atlanta)	L9	W23	L3	W19	W29	W13	4-2	10.50
9. H. D. Morris (Athens)	W8	W33	W28	W14	L1	L2	4-2	10.00
10. R. Morenus (Atlanta)	L15	L11	W23	W33	W27	W14	4-2	8.50
11. Harmon Miller (Atlanta)	W19	W22	L2	L5	W25	D16	3-1-2	9.00
12. C. A. Buchanan (Atlanta)	W17	W18	L4	W26	W24	L7	3-1-2	8.50
13. Ed Manderson (Savannah)	W6	W7	L1	W27	L3	L8	3-3	10.00
14. E. M. Brackett (Athens)	W5	W15	W26	L9	L2	L10	3-3	9.50
15. T. M. Hart (Macon)	W10	L14	W22	W17	L4	L6	3-3	9.00
16. Charles Oxford (Atlanta)	D4	L26	L7	W10	W22	W13	3-3	8.50
17. D. Martin (Atlanta)	D12	L4	W16	L15	D18	W27	3-3	8.25
18. R. V. Jones (Macon)	D26	L12	W31	L7	D17	W25	3-3	6.50
19. Jas. E. Turner (Savannah)	L11	L31	L25	L8	W30	W29	3-3	6.00
20. J. R. Chapman (Macon)	L25	W32	L24	W22	W25	L13	3-3	5.75
21. F. Simpson (Augusta)	L7	L6	W32	L29	W33	W26	3-3	4.50
22. Edgar Ferguson (Augusta) 2-3 (5.00); 23. Elijah Brown (Atlanta) 2-3 (2.75); 24. Paul Secord (Atlanta) 2-4 (7.50); 25. Milton H. Davis (Atlanta) 2-4 (6.00); 26. Henry H. Jones (Macon) 2-4 (6.00); 27. J. G. Naples (Atlanta) 2-4 (4.50); 28. H. E. Antroff (Atlanta) 2-4 (4.00); 29. A. F. Downey (Atlanta) 2-4 (3.00); 30. D. E. Wilson (Atlanta) 2-4 (3.00); 31. Wm. A. Handley (Atlanta) 2-4 (1.00); 32. T. C. Kindel (Atlanta) 1-4 (3.25); 33. R. L. Oglesby (Atlanta) 1-5 (0.00).								

MID-WEST OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Omaha, 1952

1. Lee T. Magee (Omaha)	W17	D2	W3	W8	D4	W5	5-1	17.50
2. John Penquite (Des Moines) W12	D1	W9	W15	D5	D4	4-1-1	14.25	
3. Victor Pupils (Lincoln)	W9	D6	L1	W12	W7	W8	4-1-1	14.00
4. Alex. Liepnicks (Lincoln)	W16	W7	D5	D4	D2	4-1-1	13.75	
5. Alf Fris (Omaha)	W10	W6	D4	D2	L1	4-2	12.50	
6. Jerry Belzer (Omaha)	W10	D3	L5	D7	W15	W11	4-2	11.50
7. Howard Ohman (Omaha)	W14	W8	L3	D6	L3	W15	3-2-1	9.00
8. B. W. Holmes (Sioux Falls)	W15	L7	W13	L1	W9	L3	3-3	9.00
9. R. A. Menuet (Kansas City)	L3	W14	L2	W10	L3	3-3	8.50	
10. R. Northam (Manhattan)	L6	L5	W11	L9	W14	W16	3-3	6.00
11. James Andre (Omaha) 2-3 (4.25); 12. P. Morrell (Kansas City) 2-3 (4.00); 13. Peter Tumeck (Lincoln) 2-4 (4.00); 14. Willis Vandenberg (Shell Rock) 2-4 (3.50); 15. F. Underwood (Omaha) 2-4 (2.50); 16. Jack Reil (Omaha) 1-4 (2.25); 17. J. A. Blood (Manhattan) 1-4 (2.00); 18. R. Hervey (No. Platte) 1-5 (2.00).								

FLORIDA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Sarasota, 1952

1. Nestor Hernandez	W18	W15	D2	W11	W10	W9	5-1	18.75
2. Arthur Montano	W26	W8	D1	W7	D3	W11	5-1	17.75
3. Constantine Rasis	W12	W16	W19	D10	D2	W5	5-1	17.50
4. E. P. Lebeckern	W28	L24	W22	W21	W15	W10	4-1-1	12.50
5. Horace Taylor	W14	D11	D24	W18	L9	W16	4-2	11.50
6. Col. F. D. Linch	L10	W26	W20	W24	W17	L3	4-2	10.00
7. Samuel Miller	W31	W9	L10	L2	W22	W13	4-2	10.00
8. R. E. Eastwood	W27	L2	L11	W25	W24	W17	4-2	9.50
9. P. C. Knox	W6	W20	W7	D3	L1	L4	3-2-1	13.50
10. Ben Fishback	W22	D5	D8	L1	W12	L2	3-2-1	12.00
11. T. F. Wilson	L3	W30	L14	W29	L11	W20	5-1-2	12.50
12. Charles Shaw	D24	D25	D21	D14	W13	L7	3-3	7.75
13. Bill Robertson	L5	W27	D12	D13	L20	W26	3-3	7.50
14. E. O. Fawcett	W21	L1	W23	L7	L4	W27	3-3	7.00
15. George Banks	W30	L3	L18	W27	W19	L5	3-3	6.00
16. J. B. Gibson, Jr.	L29	W31	W25	W15	L6	W3	3-3	6.00
17. J. B. Gibson, Jr.	L1	W32	W16	L5	L13	W21	3-3	6.00
18. Richard Murphy	W21	W29	L3	L9	L16	W24	3-3	5.00
19. Victor Emanuel	W32	L10	L6	W30	W14	L12	3-3	3.50
20. Peter Alonso 2-3 (5.50); 21. R. E. Resler 2-3 (3.75); 22. Maj. J. B. Church 2-3 (3.25); 23. Maj. J. B. Church 2-3 (3.25); 24. Mrs. Wm. Martin 2-4 (3.00); 25. Charles Banks 2-4 (2.25); 26. Mrs. Wm. Martin 2-4 (3.00); 27. R. A. Holman 2-4 (1.50); 28. M. E. Duckles 1-4 (1.25); 29. W. B. Brogren 1-5 (3.00); 30. R. Baldo 1-5 (2.00); 31. Rey A. Neville, Jr. 1-5 (0.00); 32. Rey W. Neville 1-5 (0.75).								

SEATTLE SEAFAR OPEN

Seattle, 1952

1. O. W. Manney (Seattle)	W9	W8	W4	W5	.....	D1	4-1-1	11.75
2. Dan Wade (Seattle)	L3	W3	W13	W11	.....	D1	3-1-1	8.25
3. Charles Joachim (Seattle)	W7	L2	L1	W8	W12	W13	3-2	7.50
4. Joe Biernat (Detroit)	W12	W10	L1	.....	L6	W8	3-2	6.00
5. Ted Davidson (Seattle)	W11	W13	W7	L1	.....	L3	3-2	5.50
6. Alan Clark (Seattle)	L10	D7	L9	W12	W4	.....	2-2-1	6.25
7. F. H. Weaver (Seattle)	L6	D5	W12	.....	W9	.....	2-2-1	4.25
8. Russ Velias (Seattle) 2-3 (5.50); 9. Ted Warner (Seattle) 2-3 (4.50); 10. Jerry Stiles (Seattle) 2-3 (4.50); 11. William Davison (Boston) 2-3 (3.00); 12. Stan Huse-land (Renton) 2-3 (3.00); 13. Jim McCormick (Seattle) 1-4 (2.00).								

Fifth round was a make-up round to avoid byes.

SEATTLE SEAFAR JUNIOR OPEN

Seattle, 1952

1. Alan Clark (Seattle)	Bye	W5	W2	3-0	4.00
2. Stan Huseland (Renton)	W8	L2	W4	2-1	5.00
3. Ted Warner (Seattle)	W6	W8	L3	2-1	5.00
4. Eugene Kerr (Seattle)	W7	L1	W9	2-1	4.00
5. Oliver LaFreniere (Yakima)	L4	W7	.....	2-1	3.00
6. Kenneth Borski (Seattle) .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
7. Jerry Stiles (Seattle) 1-2 (4.00); 8. Jim McCormick (Seattle) 1-2 (4.00); 9. Lawrence Orchard (Seattle) 0-3 (5.00).					

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA CHESS LEAGUE QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT

Modesto, 1952

1. R. Burger	W	W	W6	D2	3-1-1	8.50
2. M. O. Meyer	D10	W3	W4	D1	3-1-1	9.50
3. M. Hallpan	D6	L2	W10	W7	2-1-1	8.00
4. L. E. Davis	W11	D7	L2	W9	2-1-1	7.50
5. M. E. Mattingly	D3	W10	L1	D5	2-1-1	9.50
6. B. Gee	W5	D4	D9	L3	2-2	9.00
7. R. L. Richards	W12	L1	L5	W11	2-2	7.50
8. F. Crofut	W12	L1	L5	W11	2-2	7.50
9. L. E. Woolfe 1-3 (5.50); 10. E. L. Jeffers 1-3 (5.50); 11. T. Fries 1-3 (7.50); 12. J. Kogness 1-3 (5.50).						

Solowoff points used.

ST. LOUIS OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

St. Louis, 1952

1. Gerald Von Brantly (St. Louis, Mo.)	x	1	1	0	1	1	1	5-1-1
2. Jerome L. Wallis (Ferguson, Mo.)	x	0	1	1	1	1	1	5-1-1
3. Murray L. Horn (St. Louis, Mo.)	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	5-2
4. David Edwards (St. Louis, Mo.)	0	0	x	1	1	1	1	4-2
5. William B. Firestone (Universal City)	1	0	0	x	1	1	1	4-3
6. Tony Criscimanga (Belleville, Ill.)	0	0	1	0	0	x	1	3-4
7. Dr. A. F. Hughes (St. Louis, Mo.)	0	0	0	0	0	x	1	1-6
8. Derry Hornbuckle (Pine Lawn, Mo.)	0	0	0	0	0	0	x	0-7

Swiss System Pairings

(Continued from page 3, col. 3)

Of 38 Swiss System tournaments rated this year, 32 of the winners would have been in the top group and 4 in the second group, if the first rounds had been paired in this manner. In 26 of these contests the winner ranked first, second or third of the rated entries, including 14 firsts! In two small tournaments the winners were unrated. There is not a single case of a winner being rated below the top two groups.

5. For the second round, make up a new ranking list headed by the players who scored wins, followed by those who drew their games, and ending with the losers. In this and all subsequent re-arrangements of the ranking list, do not include points scored for byes or defaults. These unearned points count in the score for the final standings but would distort the rankings. A player does not become stronger by winning a point without playing. For example, a contestant who is given a bye in the first round should be included with the players who lost their games; his score is still zero for ranking purposes. In each bracket of the re-arranged list, rank the players by their numbers, as assigned to them at the start of the tournament but after making any of the adjustments referred to in paragraph 2. For instance, if players 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 9, 12, 24, 29, 35 and 42 win their games, list these numbers on your work-sheet, starting at the top and working down. Then follow in the same way with the players who drew, and finally with those who lost.

6. If the tournament has from 8 to 12 rounds, divide the revised ranking list into an even number of groups so that each group has about half the number of players as there are rounds to be played. For eight rounds divide into groups of four; for nine or ten rounds into groups of five; for 11 or 12 rounds into groups of six, making any adjustments in the lower groups that may be necessary. Then pair the top group against the second group, the third against the fourth, etc., in the same way as for the first round. In most contests, the eventual winner will now be playing a contender in his own class.

In all pairings, the fundamental rule of the Swiss System must be observed. A player must not meet the same opponent twice. It is unlikely that the second grouping will schedule two players who met in the first round, but if it happens, a transposition must be made.

For a tournament of less than eight rounds, this second grouping is probably unnecessary. The pairings can be made in the same way as for the third round of a longer tournament, as explained below. (It is possible that a second grouping may benefit a 7-round contest, pairing in groups of four. This will have to be tested.)

7. For the third round pairings, make up a new ranking list headed by the players who have scored 2 points, followed in order by those who have scored 1½, 1, ½ and 0. In each bracket, rank by numbers as before. Then start pairing from the top of the list down. Schedule the first man to play the next on the list he has not met—probably the second player. Draw a line through the numbers to show that you have taken care of them. Then pair the first man whose number has not yet been crossed out with the next on the list he has not met. Continue this process until you reach the middle of the list. Then start at the bottom and work up. Pair the last man with the next above him he has not met. Cross out the numbers of the two you have paired and proceed to the lowest man on the remainder of the list. Continue until all players have been paired. (This method of pairing can be used immediately in the second round of a short tournament, using the ranking list described in paragraph 5.)

8. For each subsequent round, the procedure is similar to the method described in paragraph 7. Make a ranking list for each round headed by the players with the highest scores and ending with the group with the lowest scores. Within each bracket rank by the players' numbers. Then pair from the top down and from the bottom up. Occasionally, it may be necessary to do a little juggling, especially at the center of the list, to avoid pairing a player with a man he has already met. You may have to pair a player with the second he has not met in order to make it possible for another player to meet the first. Sometimes you may have to skip two ranks. These adjustments may also have to be made to avoid bringing together two contestants who must play the same color in the next round. If possible, colors are alternated. However, this should not be allowed to interfere with the pairings by rank unless it is essential to do so. A player may be given two games in succession with the same color, but if he has played two more games with one color than he has played with the opposite color, he must not be paired in such a way that this difference will be increased. For instance, you must not pair a man who has played three white and one black with another man who has had the same color schedule. Each of these men must play black in the next round. To simplify your job, mark the cards of those who must have white in the next round with a "W" and those who must have black with a "B".

If a sufficient number of rounds is played, this method of conducting a Swiss System tournament should make it almost certain that the winner will meet all the leading contenders, and should go a long way to reduce the inequities in the final standings caused by lucky and unlucky pairings. The comments of readers are invited.

(The system of pairings described in this article by USCF Rating Statistician Kenneth Harkness was used in the Southwestern Open, Pennsylvania State, and New Jersey State Championships, played on Labor Day week-end of this year. In an early issue, Mr. Harkness will analyze the results of these three events in reference to the effect of this new system of pairing on these events.—The Editor.)

USCF ELECTIONS AT TAMPA MEET

Belatedly official report has been released upon the election of officers at Tampa by the USCF Board of Directors, since the importance of the Promotional Plan adopted at the annual meeting tended to dwarf all other business activity.

Elected as USCF vice-presidents were Edgar T. McCormick of East Orange, N. J., Phil J. Mary of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Dr. Bela Rozsa of Tulsa, Okla., succeeding to the offices of Frank R. Graves, Martin Southern, and Montgomery Major who were ineligible for reelection.

Major J. B. Holt of Long Beach, Fla. was elected USCF Secretary to succeed Phil J. Mary in that office, and William M. Byland of Pittsburgh, Pa. was appointed USCF treasurer to succeed Edward I. Treend. Kenneth Harkness of New York City was elected to the newly created post of business manager, which will in large part absorb the duties of membership secretary as well. Glenn E. Hartlob resigned as membership secretary.

Election of the Board of Directors did not replace many of the former Directors, and a list will be published as soon as all the NCCP State Chapters submit lists of their appointments (NCCP State Chapters elect their quota of directors at their own annual meetings.)

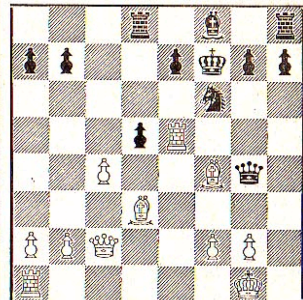
Chess Life

Saturday, September 20, 1952

What's The Best Move?

By Guilherme Groesser

Position No. 101



3r1b1r, pp2pkpp, 5s2, 3pr3, 2P2Bq1, 3B4, fPq2PP1, R5K1
White to play

Send solutions to Position No. 101 to the Editor, CHESS LIFE by October 5, 1952.

Solution to Position No. 98

As most of our solvers discovered, apparently without too much difficulty, this position results in an ingenious draw for White. In Staude-Hilden, Ais-la-Chapelle, 1951, White played 1. Kt-R4! and drew, as 1. ... Rx2; 2. KtP3, R-QB6; 3. K-Q4 draws, and so does 1. ... Px2; 2. KtP3, P-Q7; 3. Kt-B4. For Kt and K draw against King and Rook in open positions on the board. For White 1. Kt-Q1 also draws with the same continuations, as several solvers discovered.

Correct solutions are acknowledged received from: E. W. Burger (Evans), J. E. Constock (Duluth), W. J. Couture (Charleston), J. Faucher (New Haven), E. Gault (New Brighton), Dr. H. Gaba (Detroit), C. Joachim (Seattle), F. Klebe (West Haven), E. J. Kopany (Woodside), H. Kurruk (Morton Grove), R. A. McCallister (Hickens), E. F. Muller (Flint), Dr. J. Mackel (Portland), E. Nash (Washington), Dr. I. Schwartz (Durand), F. Skoff (Joliet), H. Underwood (Washington), D. C. McDaniel (Los Angeles), F. J. Valvo (Guilderland Center), J. Weininger (Brooklyn), W. B. Wilson (Amherstburg), N. P. Witting (Salem).

Regarding Position No. 98, it seems our source misled us in listing it as Eskildstuna-Kurien in the same style it listed another position as Bogolubow-Monticelli. Both readers, V. L. Eaton and J. Faucher have pointed out that Eskildstuna Kurien is the Eskildstuna Courier (wherever Eskildstuna chess detectives, Cheever and Reinhold give the position in "Fireside Book of Chess" as by Kasparov, but Mr. Faucher reports that "1234 Modern Chess Endings" list the position as by S. M. Kammer, another well-known Soviet composer. So, who really composed it? We will let the readers do the researching.

BARTHOLO WINS N. Y. EXPERTS'

While Jack Collins was winning the New York State title, in the New York Experts' event at Cazenovia Fred Bartholy of Vestal gained first place with 5½-1½ in an eight player round robin, losing one game to Louis Gluckemus of Syracuse and drawing with Alton Cook of New York. Cook and Gluckemus tied for second with 5-2 each and Winthrop Beach of Sea Cliff was fourth with 4½-2½.

Twenty-three players entered the New York State Speed event and played in three preliminary round robin events. Victory in the finals went to former New York State Champion James T. Sherwin of New York with 7-1, drawing with Louis Levy and Max Pavey. Levy and Pavey tied for second with 5½-2½ each, and Frank R. Anderson of Toronto placed fourth with 5-3. In the preliminaries, Pavey won Section 1 with 6-1, Dr. Max Herzberger was second with 5-2, and CHESS LIFE Games Editor Erich Marchand and Kit Crittenden of Raleigh tied for third with 4½-2½ each. In Section 2, Louis Levy was first with 6-1, Harry Fajans second with 5½-1½, and Sherwin third with 4½-2½. In Section 3, first place went to Frank Anderson with 5-1, while S. Finkelstein was second with 4½-1½ and Dr. Bruno Schmidt third with 4-2.

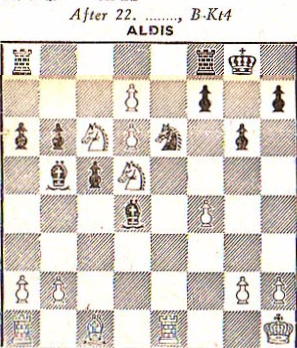
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KING'S INDIAN DEFENSE

Correspondence Chess, 1952

Notes by Dr. M. G. Sturm

White Black
 DR. M. G. STURM R. L. ALDIS
 1. P-Q4 K-K3 4. P-K4 P-Q3
 2. P-QB4 P-KK3 5. P-B4
 3. Kt-QB3 B-K12
 The Four Pawns' Attack.
 5. P-Q4 7. P-Q5
 6. Kt-B3 P-B4
 Or 7. P-K2 (Baw), with variations leading to equality. See Barden-Fuller, Felixstowe, 1949.
 7. P-Q3 9. P-PxP
 8. B-Q3 R-K1 ch simply, with the better game.
 9. Q-K13
 Or 9. P-QK4; 10. P-K5, P-PxP; 11. P-K2, R-K1; 12. B-K5, Q-K13; 13. Q-K2, P-B5 (Pleuquin-Nadjari, Mar del Plata, 1945), but not 10. B-P2, Kt-KP1; 11. Kt-Kt4, Q-R4 ch; 12. K-B2, QxR; 13. Kt-QP4, Q-R5; 14. Kt-B5, R-Kt5; 15. R-K1, Kt-Q4; 16. Kt-K3, BxR ch; 17. QxR, Q-K13; 18. Kt-K1, Kt-K13; 21. R-Kt ch; 22. R-K1, Kt-Q6 ch; 23. K-K13, Kt-K1; 24. Kt-Kt, R-Kt and Black won (Aldis-Sturm, Correspondence).
 10. Q-K13
 A powerful move, introduced by Aldis himself. The only authority to recognize the merit of this line is Pachman ("Theorie Moderner Sachu"). The theoretical significance of the intended exchange of Queens is that White's center is stronger in inverse proportion to the number of pieces, especially heavy pieces, left on the board.
 11. QxQ
 This cannot be called bad, except in a theoretical sense (then what use is theory?), in that it allows an additional exchange. More usual is 10. QxQ; 11. P-Q4 with some advantage (Pachman).
 11. QxQ P-Q4 13. P-K5 Kt-K13!!
 12. BxKt PxB
 Black overestimates the doubling and isolating (see also 15. Q-K2?); White's central Ps, being passed and advanced, are extremely powerful, one taking part in the final combination. Better is Aldis' own suggestion 12. R-K1; or 13. P-PxP; 14. P-PxP, Kt-K15, and if 14. Kt-P, R-Q1 or Kt-K15!
 14. P-K5 B-K15 20. P-Q6 Kt-K3
 15. R-K1 Kt-B21 21. Kt-B6 B-Q5 ch
 16. P-P Kt-K1 21. Kt-R1 B-Q6
 17. Kt-K5 B-B4 22. Kt-Q5 B-K14
 18. P-Q7 Kt-B2



After 22. B-K14
 23. P-B5! P-PxP
 Not 23. BxKt; 24. P-Kt threatening both Kt-Kt and P-K7.
 24. Kt-B Kt-Kt
 If 24. P-Kt; 25. P-QR4, B-Q6; 26. R-R3, B-K3; 27. Kt-P.
 25. B-R6 Kt-Q1
 Not 25. Kt-B7; 26. Kt-B6 ch, K-R1; 27. R-R3, Kt-KR; 28. R-Kt, R-B2; 29. R-K3, etc. It now looks as if Black had achieved equality at least, with White's passed Ps in jeopardy, but—
 26. Kt-B6 ch K-R1 28. P-R(Q) ch and 27. R-K8 ch, R-R.
 For if 28. BxQ; 29. P-Q7.

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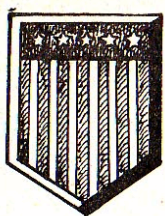
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TALK USA vs. USSR MATCH



CHAMPION AGAIN!

Nestor Hernandez, veteran Tampa player and several times Southern Ass'n Champion, with the Florida Championship Trophy. This and the other trophies on the table were the gift of the Sarasota Chamber of Commerce.

Photo: Courtesy—Sarasota Herald-Tribune

TEXAS TESTED HARKNESS PLAN

The suggestion for pairing on basis of National Ratings in Swiss events, proposed by USCF Statistician Kenneth Harkness, was tested in several Labor-Weekend Tournaments, and from one of these—Texas—comes an early reaction. Players at the Southwestern Open at the business meeting voted in favor of the new pairing system which they had just tested. The vote was 15 ayes to 11 nays with a majority of players abstaining from voting, indicating that they had no grave objections to the system and were willing to test it out again.

At the same meeting it was determined to make the next Southwestern Open serve also as a qualifying tournament for the Texas Championship, instead of awarding the Texas title to the ranking Texan in the event. It was planned, although not definitely decided at the meeting, to have a Texas Championship event shortly after next year's Southwestern with the six highest ranking Texas players in the Southwestern qualified to contest for the Texas title.

NOVICKY WINS PREMIER RES'VES

G. Novicky of the Ukraine Chess Club won the Montreal Premiere Reserves with 7½-½ in a 22-player Swiss. Second was J. Stokus, a recent arrival from Lithuania, with 7-1, while M. Tranquille placed third with 5½-2½ and V. Bedrykowsky fourth with 5-2.

GROSS, RIVISE TIE IN CALIF.

With 5½-1½ each, Henry Gross and Irving Rivise tied in the California State Championship to share the title when in the final round Eugene Levin bested Gross while Rivise was defeating Pollakoff. Levin with 4½-2½ placed third, while Neil Falconer and Raymond Martin tied for fourth in the 8-player finals of the State Championship. Players in the event qualified in various sectional tournaments.

MONTREAL CLUB TOPS A LEAGUE

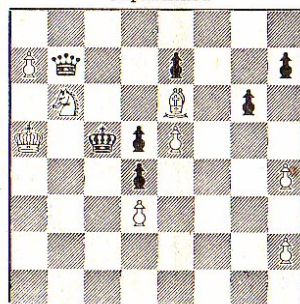
With 25-11 score in games and a 6:50 margin in S-B points the Montreal Chess Club topped the Class A Team competition. Also with 25-11 and second on S-B score was the Sons of David, who had the consolation of besting the team champions in their individual match 3½-½. Third in the 10 team event was New Canadians with 23-13.

In the B Division victory went to McGill University with 14½-5½ while Dominion Bridge was second with 11-9 and Montreal third with 10-10 in six team event.

BICKFORD TAKES MONTREAL OPEN

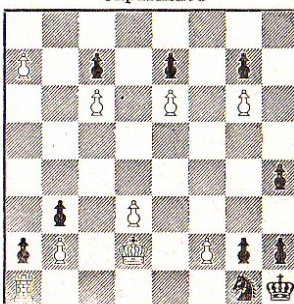
A new-comer, J. J. Bickford, won a play-off match with F. Houghton 2-1 to win the Montreal Open. In the regular event Bickford and Houghton tied 5-2 in the 10-player Swiss. M. Boulard was third on S-B points with 4½-2½, while J. F. Lyons placed fourth, also with 4½-2½.

Position No. 101
By H. F. Blandford
Raynor Park, England
Unpublished



8, Pq2p2p, 1S2B1p1, K1kpP3,
3p3P, 3P4, 7P, 8
White to play and win

Position No. 102
By Vincent L. Eaton
Silver Springs, Md.
Unpublished



8, P1p1p1, 2P1P1P1, 8,
7p, 1p1P4, pP1K1Ppp, R5sk
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White To Play And Win!

Conducted by William Rojram

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POSITION No. 101 represents a very interesting idea in the manipulation of Knight against Queen which is quite instructive. Composer Blandford is not only noted for his original work but also for the very excellent Endgame department he conducts in British Chess Magazine.

Position No. 102 represents a very curious study in consecutive underpromotion, by which alone White can ultimately force a win without permitting Black the scornful escape of stalemate.

For solutions, please turn to Page six.

KOTOV HAS LEAD AT SALTZJOBADEN

After 8 rounds the standings in the Interzonal Tourney are:

1. Alexander Kotov (Russia)	7-0
2. Gideon Stahlberg (Sweden)	6-2
3. E. Geller (Russia)	5-2
4. T. Petrosian (Russia)	5-2
5. Laszlo Szabo (Hungary)	5-2
6. Luděk Pachman (Czechoslovakia)	4-3
7. S. Taimanov (Russia)	4-3
8. A. Matanovic (Yugoslavia)	4-3
9. Y. Auerbach (Russia)	4-4
10. Svetozar Gligoric (Yugo)	4-4
11. Herman Pilnik (Argentina)	4-4
12. G. Barcza (Hungary)	3-2
13. L. A. Sanchez (Colombia)	3-1
14. R. G. Wade (New Zealand)	3-4
15. Wolfgang Unzicker (W. Ger.)	3-5
16. Erich Eliskases (Argentina)	2-4
17. Gosta Stoltz (Sweden)	2-4
18. Harry Golombek (England)	2-6
19. Herman Steiner (U. S.)	1-4
20. L. Prijs (Netherlands)	1-5
21. Paul Vaitonis (Canada)	1-6

Julio Bolbochen of Argentina withdrew during first round owing to a hemorrhage.

ARCHIPOFF WINS OHIO STATE

Tony Archipoff of Toledo won the Ohio State Championship at Columbus with 6-1, losing no games but drawing two. Second to fourth on S-B points with equal 5½-1½ scores were Robert McCready, Harold Miller and D. Stauners, all of Cleveland. Walter Mann was fifth and Leo Sweet of Akron sixth with equal 5-2 score.

Mrs. Owens with 4-3 retained the Woman's title in the 46 player event while Phillip Rothman of Columbus retained the Junior Championship with 4-2. The tournament was directed by Al Martens of Cleveland and H. Allison of Columbus.

GOLDMAN WINS IN MIAMI CITY

Victory in the City of Miami Championship went to Aaron Goldman with 5-0 in an 18-player Swiss event. Second was Constantin Rasis with 4-1, who lost one game to Ted Markson. Third and fourth with equal 3½-1½ scores on S-B points were Dave Shubow and August Swarz.

COUTURE STILL PLUGS CHESS

Undismayed by his legal difficulties, which might overwhelm a less staunch soul, William J. Couture, whose release from Rhode Island State Prison was so abruptly followed by incarceration in the Massachusetts State Prison, while awaiting hopefully a pending appeal for a new trial is developing new chess fields in the hitherto untitled soil at Charleston.

In a recent letter to the Editor, Couture writes that he has already formed a chess club, the Checkmate Club which has been playing in the prison yard. The club has 26 members with Couture as president, Lawrence Reddy vice-president, Eddy Bohannon team captain and Nelson secretary and tournament director. The enthusiasm of the new chess club members has sufficiently impressed Warden John J. O'Brien with the worthiness of the cause that inside quarters of a more permanent nature have been promised to the chess club. In addition Couture is establishing a chess column in the prison publication "The Mentor."

Chess players who did so much to help the development of chess in the Rhode Island State Prison at Howard, where Warden Kindelan proved to be so cooperative and understanding, may wish also to aid the development of chess at Charleston. It is probable that the new club could use chess equipment and books, if any club or group cared to donate them. And it is likely that outside teams would be welcomed to play against the Charleston group (as has been the custom at Howard) if proper arrangements were made in advance with Warden John J. O'Brien. Those interested may write William J. Couture, Box 100, Charleston, 29, Mass., remembering that it would be a courteous gesture to enclose a stamped envelope for any reply.

BISNO REPORTS ON FIDE MEET

USCF Delegate Alexander Bisno who represented the USCF at the FIDE General Assembly at Stockholm has returned with a full report on the important decisions at this meeting. Of the matters of more immediate practical importance to the USA, the most outstanding events were negotiations for a team match between the USSR and the USA in the United States and the designation of U.S. Champion Larry Evans and Robert Byrne as International Masters. The latter was awarded the distinction principally upon his sensational play in the finals of the Olympics at Helsinki.

Delegate Bisno was unsuccessful in persuading the Assembly to accept the offer of Lessing Rosenwald and other patrons to finance on behalf of the USCF the 1953 World Championship Candidates Tournament in the USA, and the probable site will be Switzerland, rather than Moscow, as proposed by the Soviet delegation.

However, the Soviet group were persuaded by Mr. Bisno to consider proposals for a match between Samuel Reshevsky and one of the top-ranking Soviet masters at Paris or the Hague in March 1953, to be followed in June 1953 by a USSR-USA 8-player team match in New York City, both events to be held under FIDE sponsorship. Final arrangement of match and team event depend upon the assent of the Soviet Chess Federation and the U.S. Chess Federation, after receiving reports from their respective delegates.

Publication of an annual FIDE periodical now seems assured, with the Czechoslovakian Chess Federation assuming the financial risk. The publication is planned as a quarterly with an annual subscription of \$4.00; and particular pains were taken to assure that such publication would be completely non-political in tone and content.

SEE DISTINCTION IN BYRNE'S PLAY

The International Team Tournament at Helsinki highlighted the ability of another American player in the impressive score compiled at third board by Robert Byrne. Byrne finished with 10½-4½ for the team tournament, and his score in the final championship section was 6½-1½, consisting of 5 wins and 3 draws. In the preliminaries he had 3 wins, 2 draws and 2 losses.

As the keyman of the team, Samuel Reshevsky performed with his usual brilliance, scoring 9½-3½ on board one against the stars of other lands. Of this score only one point represents a loss — to Stahlberg of Sweden in the championship finals.

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THE GAME WORTH THE CANDLE

Once to every man and nation comes the moment to decide,
In the strife of Truth with Falsehood, for the good or evil side.

JAMES RUSSELL LOWELL: The Present Crisis

WE have reported recently the decision of the USCF Board of Di-rectors at Tampa to adopt (with certain modifications) a Promot-ional Plan presented by USCF Rating Statistician Kenneth Harkness. We reported as well that the USCF Board confided the arrangement of all contractual details to a Promotional Plan Committee consisting of A. Wyatt Jones, chairman, Frank R. Graves, William M. Byland, Edgar T. McCormick, and Herman Steiner.

It is our duty now to report to the membership at large that USCF President Harold M. Phillips has refused to complete the contractual arrangements prepared by the Promotional Plan Committee, advancing a number of objections to the Plan.

We do not intend to discuss the validity of Mr. Phillips' objections; nor even remark upon the propriety of his conduct in rejecting on his own judgement a course of action approved by the collective judgement of the Board. We are concerned only in publishing the facts.

In consequence, the Promotional Plan Committee has been forced to appeal to the Board of Directors as a whole and to the Executive Com-mittee through a special ballot by mail, asking these bodies to override the decisions of USCF President Harold M. Phillips.

It is our personal opinion that the entire future of the Federation rests upon the response made by the USCF Board of Directors to the two resolutions presented to it by the Promotional Committee in this special balloting. If the Board chooses to support these resolutions, it is our opinion that chess in the USA is destined for those better days (about which we have so often preached) and that the Federation will be on the road toward those distant goals of achievement which beckon so alluringly. If the Board should choose to uphold Mr. Phillips in his viewpoint, the Promotional Plan is dead. In our opinion the Federation will also be dead, although the corpse may make the futile gestures of life for some time thereafter, due to a sort of galvanic action.

But, whether the Board votes for or against the resolutions sub-mitted, it is most important that the vote be decisive in representing a clear majority of the Board. So we urge every USCF Board member to vote (whatever his vote may be), and we urge every USCF member to make it his personal duty to see that all Board members of his acquaint-ance cast their ballots on these important issues.

Needless to say, if the USCF Board of Directors fails to support the Promotional Plan Committee, this committee will resign in a body; and the Editor of CHESS LIFE will join the procession. We cannot attempt to predict Mr. Phillips' actions if the USCF Board of Directors overrides his veto.

Montgomery Major

Res Caissae

By Guilherme Groesser

THROUGH the ages, Chess has resisted resolutely almost all attempts to modify and alter its equasions—castling and the two-space first move of the pawn represent almost the only major changes that chess in Europe has accepted. But innovators never cease to present hope-fully other alterations, which have seldom gained more than a passing attention. Of such were Chancellor Chess and Angel Chess and the nine square chess board.

Now a new innovator present "New American Chess" which is played on a nine-square by nine-square board in the Major Version but can be played on the conventional chessboard in the Minor Version. It renames the pieces, giving to some additional functions and powers; and is in the words of its inventor "a reformed civil and modern game." Its pieces with candid modernism are entitled: Chief, Justice, Governor, Counselor, Envoy, Bishop, Mayor, Horseman, Sheriff, Escort and Pioneer.

To this writer, such innovations in the game of chess are unsatis-factory, for the average player seldom masters the classical game of chess, which is intricate enough for the purposes of his amusement. And, of course, any change in the form of chess destroys at one fell blow the great and enormous literature of chess—a heritage from the past, which can be claimed by no other game.

But there are those who thirst for change, sometimes merely be-cause it represents change; and to these we commend this "New Ameri-can Chess" as worthy of interest. Those who wish to investigate its possibilities may write to: Max S. Marion, YMCA, Johnstown, Pa. for an informative leaflet on the game with directions for playing both the Major and Minor Versions.

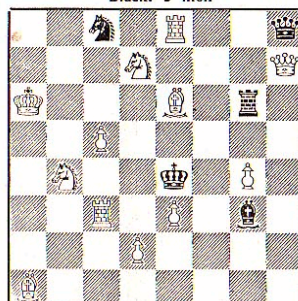
Mate The Subtle Way!

by Vincent L. Eaton

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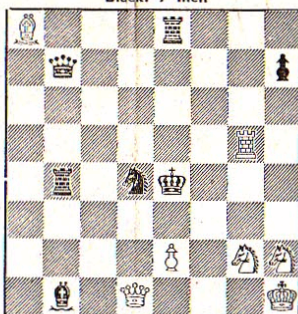
PROBLEM No. 370 was found in one of the scrapbooks kept by Reverend Gilbert Dobbs (1867-1941), from which Alain White, Otto Wurzburg, Richard Cheney, and I drew the material for A Chess Silhouette: One Hundred Chess Problems by the Reverend Gilbert Dobbs (Stamford, 1942). It seems to have been composed about 1912, but Dr. Dobbs marked it "unpublished," and this may therefore be its first appearance in print.

Problem No. 367
By Comins Mansfield
Carshalton Beaches, England
First Publication
Black: 5 men



White: 12 men
2s1R2q, 3S3Q, K3B1r1, 2P5, 1S2k1P1,
2R1P1b1, 3P4, B7
White mates in two moves

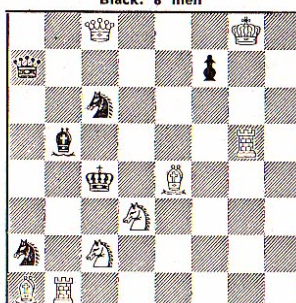
Problem No. 369
By H. V. Tuxen
1st Prize "Deutsche Schachzeitung"
1913
Black: 7 men



White: 7 men
B3r3, 1q5p, 8, 6R1, 1r1S3, 8, 4P1SS,
1b1Q3K
White mates in two moves

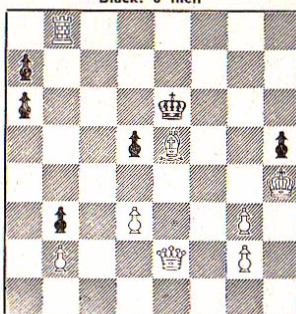
For solutions to previously published problems, please turn to page six.

Problem No. 368
By the late Dr. J. J. O'Keefe
"St. Louis Globe-Democrat"
1917
Black: 6 men



White: 8 men
2Q3K1, 4q2, 2S5, 1b4R1, 2k1B3, 3S4,
s1S5, BR6
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 370
By Dr. G. Dobbs
First Publication (?)
Black: 6 men



White: 8 men
1R6, p7, p3K3, 3b2P, 7K, 1p1P2P1,
1P2Q1P1, 8
White mates in three moves

The Kibitzer Has His Day

From the Editor's Mail Bag

Dear Mr. Major

Mr. J. Faucher's letter in the Kibitzer column of CHESS LIFE, Aug. 5, 1952 (re C. M. Burton's query as to the game scores of the Banks' victories vs. Kashdan and Marshall) again caught my eye as I was filing the copy away this morning, and I shamed myself into the task—with the result that I located the Banks-Kashdan game score enclosed.

EDWARD KRISCH
Cleveland, Ohio

QUEEN'S PAWN GAME
Chicago Masters' Tourney
Aug.-Sept., 1926

White: N. W. BANKS
1. d2-d4 Sg8-f6
2. Sg1-f3 c7-c6
3. Lc1-g5 e1-e6
4. Sb1-d2 d7-d5
5. e2-e3 Sb8-d7
6. Lf1-f3 Dd8-b6
7. Ta1-b1 Lf8-e7
8. O-O O-O
9. Sf3-e5 Tf8-e8
10. Sd2-f3 Sd7-f8
11. c2-c3 Sd7-f8
12. Lg5-e7 Te8-e7
13. Se5cd7 Lc8xd7

Black: I. KASHDAN
25. Dh4-g3 c5xd4
26. e3xd4 e6-e5
27. Th3xh8 Ta8xh8
28. g4-g5 Th8-h5
29. g5xf6ch Th5-g5
30. Dg3xg5ch
31. f6-f7 Kd6-d8
32. Tb1-f1 Dd8-f8
33. d4xe5 a7-a5
34. 35-e6 Kd5-d6
35. Tf1-f2 b7-b5
36. a2-a3 b5-b4

Dear Editor:

As I was very short on my mag-azines at the hospital I wrote to Mr. S. S. Keeney for some as he had previously assured me that he would be only too willing to send some.

I received his package a week ago on my sixth anniversary at Vaughans General Hospital, Hines, Ill. Let me assure you that I am very grateful for this Almighty Privilege of being in good health to be of service to these shut-ins.

It is now nine years of service—three years at Gardiner Hospital every Tuesday and Thursday 1:00 to 4:30, and now at Vaughans Gen-

Chess Life In New York

By Eliot Hearst

WITH the annual Marshall C.C. Championship scheduled to begin within a month the pre-liminaries to this tourney are now almost completed and most of the ten qualifiers decided. An exami-nation of the five preliminary sec-tions reveals few upsets and, though admittedly the strength of the competition is not as outstand-ing as in previous years, those ex-pected to qualify are doing just that.

J. Richman (7-0) and E. Mednis (5½-½) have clinched finals berths from their Saturday section, while C. Pilnick and P. Miller with scores of 6-0 and 5-0 from the Thursday and Friday groups re-spectively are certain to qualify also. Other high scores include R. Greenbaum (5-0), H. Eckstrom (3-0), A. Kaufman (4½-½), P. Reis-berg (4-1), M. DeLieto and C. Hillinger (3-1), and P. Brandts (2-0). The Championship Finals will include ten prelim Qualifiers and the seven prize winners of last year: Hearst, Sherwin, Collins, Donovan, Hill, Howard, and Santasiere.

The Marshall C.C. Intra-Club match and Party to celebrate the victory of its club member, Jack Collins, in the N.Y.S. Champion-ship was a rousing success, at-tracting a large crowd, among whom were the Helsinki returnees, Bob Byrne and Larry Evans. Byrne that evening finally gave many of us a chance to see for the first time his victories over Bronstein, Elisgases, and Pirc in the Inter-national Tourney and in the course of his comments on the games told us many interesting sidelights on the Finnish competition. (if only we could write a column on Chess Life in Helsinki!) Larry Evans re-turned with his beard of three months now full-grown; alas though!—since that evening he has seen fit to remove it com-pletely! The match itself was high-lighted by the return of George Krauss to the club; the Air Force enlistee who spent the last year in Morocco began chess competi-tion again by beating Karl Burger in a good game. Jack Collins, the "hero" of the evening, was the recipient of quite a few fine words by Louis J. Wolff and Edward Las-ker, and he and his charming sis-ters were not forgotten when the time for presentations arrived! Another successful evening for the club, as for the third straight year a club member captured the state title.

IN BRIEF: Guber, Spinner and Negro are the favorites in the Bklyn. C.C. Champ about to begin . . . Nicholas Rossolimo, who recently emigrated to the U.S. from France, has been so overcome by his misfortunes (death of both his parents, particularly) since he ar-rived here, that it is rumored he will go back to Europe soon . . . Warning to the Midwest!! Bob Byrne is now at Indiana Univ. Grad. School, while his equally feared brother, Donald, is engaged in post-Grad work at Michigan Univ.

eral Hospital at Hines, Ill. every Sunday from 2:00 to 9:00 p.m. con-secutively without missing a Tues-day or Thursday or Sunday, seven hours each week.

Hereby I wish to extend my thanks to the United States Chess Federation for their kindness in furnishing these magazines. Also, let me assure you that the patients appreciate them.

BRUNO A. CZAIKOWSKI
Chicago, Illinois

It is rather the U.S. Chess Federation which should thank Mr. Czaikowski for a devotion to the cause of "Chess for Veterans" which must be without parallel. We can only express the devout hope that many years of health remain to Mr. Czaikowski, whose self-sacrifice in the cause of the veteran and chess deserves universal appreciation.—The Editor.

The National Chess Rating

As of July 31st, 1952

By KENNETH HARKNESS

USCF Rating Statistician

IN CHESS, as in life, the old gives place to the new. In this mid-year ranking list, some of the older masters have moved down to make room for the youngsters. Among the ten top-ranking players of the United States, four belong to the new generation of young masters who have established their reputations since the end of World War II. U. S. Champion Evans remains our No. 3 player; George Kramnik has shot up to No. 4 position and earned a Senior Master's rating by winning the powerful Manhattan Chess Club Championship; Donald Byrne joins his famous brother Robert in the select group heading the field of American chess-players. At the moment, Donald is 3 points ahead of his brother, but Robert's spectacular performance at the Helsinki Olympics will probably give him a higher rating in the next ranking list.

Four new names appear in the list of masters. Chicago's Miroslav Turiansky earns a master's rating by winning the city title; Philadelphia's Saul Wachs moves up to the master class by capturing first place in the Mercantile Library Association Championship; New York's Jack Moskowitz and Brooklyn's Dr. Harold Sussman return from the inactive list and confirm their rankings by taking fifth and sixth prizes in the Manhattan Chess Club title event.

The popularity of chess competition continues to rise. By entering local, state, regional and national tournaments in ever-increasing numbers, players are striving to obtain the national recognition made possible by the rating system. To compile this mid-year list we have rated the performances of 1842 entries in 121 contests, not counting Canadian and foreign tournaments, held during the period August 1st 1950 through July 31st, 1952. Any previously rated players who did not take part in rated events during the past two years are now considered inactive and their names do not appear on the list. An asterisk after a rating indicates that the figure is provisional, representing the player's performance in only one tournament.

CLASSIFICATION

Grandmaster	2700 points up
Senior Master	2500 to 2699 points
Master	2300 to 2499 points
Expert	2100 to 2299 points
Class A	1900 to 2099 points
Class B	1700 to 1899 points
Class C	1500 to 1699 points
Class D	Below 1500 points

Names are arranged alphabetically in each class. Below the rank of master, the players are either members of the USCF or have paid a rating fee for inclusion in this list. Records are kept on other competitors but their names and ratings are not published.

ASTERS EMERITUS

Jacob Bernstein (New York, N.Y.)	Charles S. Jacobs (Winchester, Mass.)
Roy T. Black, Sr. (Williamsville, N.Y.)	Abraham Kupchik (New York, N.Y.)
Albert W. Fox (Washington, D.C.)	Harold M. Phillips (New York, N.Y.)
Herman Hahlbohm (Chicago, Ill.)	William A. Ruth (Collingswood, N.J.)
Hermann Helms (New York, N.Y.)	Morris A. Shapiro (Brooklyn, N.Y.)
Lewis J. Isaacs (Chicago, Ill.)	Sydney T. Sharp (Philadelphia, Pa.)

(Master Emeritus William E. Napier died in Washington on September 6, 1952)

GRANDMASTERS

Reshevsky, Samuel (Brooklyn)2751

SENIOR MASTERS

Denker, Arnold S. (New York)	2538
Evans, Larry (New York, NY)	2660
Fine, Dr. Reuben (Flushing, N.Y.)	2676
Horowitz, I. A. (New York, NY)	2545
Kramer, George (New York, NY)	2564
Pavey, Max (Brooklyn, NY)	2502

MASTERS

Adams, Weaver (Dedham, Mass.), 2305
Avram, Herbert (New York, NY), 2304
Berliner, Hans (U.S. Army), 2348
Binstein, Joseph (Brooklyn, NY), 2348
Bischoff, Arthur B. (U.S. Army), 2426
Byrne, Donald (Brooklyn, NY), 2462
Byrne, Robert (Brooklyn, NY), 2462
Collins, Jack W. (Brooklyn, NY), 2304
Cohen, Jack (New York, NY), 2304
Dale, Arthur W. (Portland, Ore.), 2475
DiCamillo, A. (Philadelphia, Pa.), 2340
Hanauer, Milton (New York, NY), 2352
Heerst, Eliot S. (New York, NY), 2380
Hoe, Herman V. (Bethlehem, Pa.), 2332
Hoffman, John (New York, NY), 2325
Howard, Franklin S. (E. Orange), 2415
Kashdan, Isaac (Tujunga, Calif.), 2355
Kevitz, Alex. (Yonkers, NY), 2450
Lasker, Edward (New York, NY), 2342
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Moskowitz, Jack (New York, NY), 2330
Mugridge, D. H. (Washington, DC), 2359
Pinlick, Carl (New York, NY), 2322
Pinkus, Albert S. (Brooklyn, NY), 2332
Pinkus, Albert S. (Brooklyn, NY), 2332
Sandrin, Albert (Chicago, Ill.), 2342
Santasiere, A. E. (New York, NY), 2362
Schwartz, Edward (New York, NY), 2310
Seidman, Herbert (Brooklyn, NY), 2437
Seidman, Herbert (Brooklyn, NY), 2437
Sherwin, James (New York, NY), 2332
Shipman, Walter (New York, NY), 2332
Simmons, A. C. (Hicksville, NY), 2352
Steiner, Herman (Los Angeles), 2427
Steiner, Herman (Brooklyn, NY), 2349
Turiansky, George (Cincinnati, O.), 2349
Wachs, Saul P. (Philadelphia, Pa.), 2339

EXPERTS

Adams, Wm. T. (San Jose, Calif.).	2205
Asch, Isaac (Philadelphia, Pa.).	2145
Bakos, Nicholas (Arlington, Va.).	2148
Barnes, Geo. S. (Minneapolis). . .	2134
Benitz, David (Baltimore, Md.). . .	2248
Bentley, Wm. (St. Petersburg, Fla.).	2225
Bolton, James (New Haven, Conn.).	2225
Braskett, Carl J. (Tracy, Minn.). . .	2167
Brieger, Robt. S. (Houston, Tex.). .	2168
Burger, Carl H. (Brooklyn, NY). . .	2155
Carver, A. L. (St. Petersburg). . . .	2188
Casper, Carroll M. (Ocala, Fla.). . .	2225
Chauvenet, L. R. (Silver Spring). . .	2172
Cohen, Robt. H. (New York, NY). . .	2109
Colon, Miguel (San Juan, P.R.). . .	2166
Crittenden, Kif (Raleigh, N.C.). . .	2111
Crowley, Wm. (W. Roxbury, Mass.).	2195
Curt Davidson, Carl (Cape Canaveral).	2145
Dietz, Paul B. Jr. (Pittsburgh). . . .	2206
Donovan, J. F. (Brooklyn, NY). . . .	2260
Orengib, L. (Saginaw, Mich.). . . .	2167

TEN TOP-RANKING U. S. PLAYERS

1. Samuel Reshevsky	2751	6. Arnold S. Denker	2536
2. Dr. Reuben Fine	2676	7. Max Paley	2502
3. Larry Evans	2660	8. Arthur W. Dake	2476
4. George Kramer	2564	9. Donald Byrne	2465
5. Israel A. Horowitz	2545	10. Robert Byrne	2462

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Adams, Paul C. (Chicago, Ill.).....1974
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Adickes, W. C. Jr. (Asheville, NC).....2053
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Anderson, E. N. (Owassa, Okla.).....1979
Anderson, Fred S. (Louisville, Mo.).....2005
Austin, Neil T. (San Francisco, Cal.).....1965
Bain, Mary (New York, NY).....2047
Baraqueat, T. A. (Long Beach, Cal.).....2007
Barber, Samuel (New York, NY).....2007
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Barry, Jas E. Jr. (Ann Arbor, Mich.).....1995
Battell, J. S. (Brooklyn, NY).....1966
Beach, Winthrop (Seafair, Va.).....1963
Beck, Robert W. (Chicago, Ill.).....2001
Bersbach, Emil (Sedalia, Ind.).....2031
Blach, John L. (Cranford, N.J.).....2074
Bills, Wm. A. (Houston, Tex.).....2024
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Bolder, Harry (Philadelphia).....2062
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Brandreth, Dale A. (Miquon, Pa.).....1905
Brask, Sven (Alhambra, Calif.).....1959
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Brice-Nash, Bert (Rogers, Ark.).....2024
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Bryan, W. (New York, NY).....2027
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Burn, Murray (Bronx, N.Y.).....1986
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Buskager, R. (Battle Creek, Mich.).....1955
Byland, W. M. (Pittsburgh, Pa.).....2042
Cady, John (New York, N.Y.).....2001
Callis, James (Wichita, Kans.).....1970
Candee, Allan H. (Rochester, NY).....1970
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Caro, Dr. A. E. (San Angelo, Tex.).....1931
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Clark, Dan L. (Milwaukee, Wis.).....1991
Colburn, N. (Washington, D.C.).....2021
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Coveyou, R. R. (Oak Ridge, Tenn.).....2093
Cramer, Fred (Milwaukee, Wis.).....2016
Curtis, Robert (Chicago, Ill.).....2006
Czapski, Maj. E. (Roswell, NM).....2048
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DeFine, J. D. (Florissant, Mo.).....1976
Diesen, Carl E. (Tonawanda, NY).....1995
Dine, B. R. (Midvale, Utah).....2000
Dina, F. (Fort Worth, Tex.).....1980
Dittmann, H. A. (Salt Lake City).....1908
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Egle, Val (Colorado Springs).....1950
Eichler, J. (Put your address).....1950
Einhorn, Richd (Bronx, N.Y.).....2075
Eisen, David (New York, NY).....2042
Ellison, T. J. (Cleveland, O.).....2047
Ewch, Mark (Los Angeles, Cal.).....2042
Fahnestock, G. (New York, NY).....2042
Fawcett, E. O. (Lake Mary, Fla.).....1974
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Francisco, O. (Milwaukee, Wis.).....1913
Fuchs, E. (New York, NY).....2001
Gaba, Dr. Howard (Detroit, Mich.).....1922
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Gaupe, Hugh (LaCrosse, Wis.).....2001
Gee, J. B. (Sacramento, Calif.).....1981
Georgi, Henry (Lawrence, Kans).....2001
Gibson, E. K. (New York, NY).....2001
Gill, E. H. (Okla City, Okla).....2004
Gladney, W. F. (Baton Rouge, La.).....2063
Glastone, Leo (New York, NY).....1996
Gleason, Richd (Springfield).....2010
Glen, E. (Washington, D.C.).....2001
Goldman, Aaron (Miami Beach).....2001
Granger, Wm. (Cleveland, O.).....2039
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Greenbaum, Richd (New York, NY).....1951
Greenberg, S. (New York, NY).....1967
Haefner, Richd (Irvington, N.J.).....1973
Hand, Edmund E. (W. Haven, Ct.).....2049
Harkins, J. L. Jr. (Shaker Hts, O.).....2029
Harrell, R. S. (Fort Worth, Tex).....2069
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Hickman, H. W. (Pittsburgh, Pa).....2091
Higgenbotham, D. K. (Tulsa, Okla).....2021
Hobson, Austin H. (Montpelier, Vt).....1927
Hoff, Maj. E. (Long Beach, Ca).....1964
Holzapfel, Hans (Chicago).....2007
Hunnex, Geo. (Elsinore, Calif).....2080
Hursch, Jack L. (Denver, Colo).....2018
Hyde, Homer H. (Waco, Tex).....1954
Harris, R. S. (Fort Worth, Tex).....2069
James, Norman W. (Corpus Christi).....1910
James, Wm. H. (Leroy, Tex).....2075
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Kaplan, Bernard (Columbus, O).....2098
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Kaufman, Abraham (Chicago).....2024
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Kaufman, Herbert (Storrs, Ct.).....1923
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Keller, Fred J. (Boston, Mass).....2001
Kelley, A. H. (Hudson, N.H.).....2011
Ketarakis, A. (Boston, Mass).....1938
Kempston, Laverl E. (Filer, Ida).....1908
Kim, Sh. (New York, Mass).....1959
Knox, Phil C. (DeLand, Fla).....2035
Kodil, Chas. E. (Los Angeles).....1964
Koenigsberg, B. (New York, NY).....2010
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Korff, A. M. (New York, NY).....2006
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Kramer, Morris (Brooklyn, NY).....2086
Krusmith, Leo (Brooklyn, NY).....2007
Lester, A. J. (Newburyport).....2047
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Lutz, Godfrey (San Francisco).....2005
Lyte, George A. (Annapolis, Md).....1970
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McKee, Frank R. (Dallas, Tex).....1919
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Meifert, H. R. (Kalamazoo, Mich).....1938
Merkis, Kazys (So. Boston, Mass).....1969
Meyer, M. O. (Sacramento, Cal).....1979
Meyers, Arthur (New York, NY).....2007
Montano, Arthur (Miami, Fla).....1999
Moore, Clarence J. (Chicago).....1994
Morgan, Chas. T. (Huntington, WV).....2060
Morgan, Laverne (Flint, Mich).....2016
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Neidich, Geo. (Rochester, NY).....1992
Neugebauer, Franz (Chicago, Ill).....1995
Neufeld, R. (New York, NY).....2001
Noderer, L. C. (Oak Ridge, Tenn).....2026
O'Keefe, Jack (Detroit, Mich).....2091
Overreem, Henry (Clifton, N.J.).....1943
Palmer, H. H. (Jackson, Miss).....1915
Palm, Aaron (Houston, Tex).....2005
Payne, Fred R. (Lexington, Ky).....1972
Pedersen, K. N. (Minneapolis).....1912
Pegues, Mark (New York, NY).....2007
Penquite, John (De Wain, Ia).....2001
Peters, W. J. Jr. (Durham, NC).....2030
Phillips, J. C. (Albuquerque).....2046
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Pittman, J. (New York, NY).....2001
Potter, Robt. B. (Dallas, Miss).....2019
Prohl, Geo. S. (W. Orange, N.J.).....1905
Pulps, Viktors (Lincoln, Neb).....1947
Ragan, J. J. (Kessler AFB, Miss).....2078
Reinhart, J. T. (Peoria, Ill).....1974
Ricard, Jas. H. (Queens Vll, NY).....2093
Roersch, Eugene J. (St. Louis, Mo).....1960
Rosen, Marvin (Ft. Jackson, SC).....2001
Rohland, A. H. (Milwaukee, Wis).....2009
Rosenblum, G. K. (Philadelphia).....2038
Rotov, Mike (Lancaster, Pa).....1918
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Russell, Roy E. (Auburn, Calif).....1921
Rutz, Gerald (Milwaukee, Wis).....1971
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Seibert, J. P. (Philadelphia).....1940
Seidman, S. C. (Lexington, Md).....1969
Sharp, Charles (New York, Me).....2039
Sheets, J. S. (Seattle, Wash).....1959
Sherr, Paul (Allentown, Pa).....1947
Slakaroff, Samuel (Philadelphia).....2038
Slater, Dr. R. C. (Brooklyn, NY).....2057
Smith, George (New York, NY).....2037
Smith, Geo. H. (Houston, Tex).....2058
Smith, Mevis R. (Houston, Tex).....2067
Somlo, E. S. (Cleveland, O).....1986
Southern, Mark (Huntington, Tenn).....1971
Spector, Ed. N. (Philadelphia).....1921
Stapp, J. W. (Dallas, Tex).....2001
Stearns, Elliott E. (Cleveland).....2063
Steinberg, David (Bronx, NY).....2030
Stokes, E. (New York, NY).....2001
Steppe, F. H. Jr. (Cicero, Ill).....1983
Strang, E. W. (Camden, N.J).....1992
Strange, W. T. (Dallas, Tex).....1

Chase, G. V. F. (Buffalo, NY), 1731
Cheavre, Alfred (Garfield, NJ), 1790*
Cherwiniski, C. (Hawthorne, NY), 1725*
Chu, Henry H. (Philadelphia), 1879
Church, R. (Alexandria, Va.), 1865
Cicci, Joseph (New York, NY), 1865
Clements, W. F. (Cleveland, O.), 1834*
Clevenger, W. F. (Pt. Tampa, Fla.), 1662
Colby, Dr. K. M. (San Francisco), 1776*
Conner, Frank (Bogota, Tex.), 1730
Conner, Bo. C. (Tulsa, Okla.), 1758
Coons, E. A. (Sewickley, Pa.), 1753
Coughlin, Robt. (Orange, NJ), 1770*
Cramer, H. G. (Peoria, Ill.), 1789
Creswell, C. (New York, N.Y.), 1839
Crew, W. W. (Shreveport, La.), 1815
Crofut, Francis (San Jose, Cal.), 1819
Cromelin, Paul (Charlotte, NC), 1862
Crombrans, A. (Bay City, Mich), 1799
Dadgar, J. (New York, N.Y.), 1834
Dawkins, Geo. (Princeton, NJ), 1795
DeLieto, Mathew (New York, NY), 1798
Dietz, J. L. (Lake AFB, Ariz), 1851
Dietz, J. L. (Palo Alto, Calif.), 1839
Dougherty, V. (New York, NY), 1795*
Drexler, W. D. (Bronx, NY), 1809*
Driver, Philip B. (Ridley Pk), 1888*
Dunkan, Geo. O. (Gary, Ind), 1733
Dunne, J. (New York, N.Y.), 1739
Eitmans, Al (Paterson, NJ), 1747*
Elias, Percy (New York, NY), 1740*
Elmhurst, G. K. (Easton, Pa), 1840*
Field, Harry (St. Paul, Minn), 1878*
Fischer, G. (New York, N.Y.), 1834
Flynn, G. W. (Sacramento, Calif), 1801*
Foster, L. L. (Columbia, SC), 1849
Fowler, Robt. (Richmond, Va.), 1778
Freeman, Claude (P. Woodbury address)
Friedman, Rev. A. F. (Fort Worth, Tex), 1880*
Friedman, Edw. (Bayonne, NJ), 1728
Ghetzler, L. (San Antonio, Tex), 1773
Gibson, John (Philadelphia), 1846*
Gibbons, John (Philadelphia), 1846*
Gibson, Jas. B. (Tampa, Fla), 1767
Glazer, Dr. B. (Decatur, Ill), 1714
Goldbold, Edmund (St. Louis, Mo), 1810
Goodman, Julius (Cleveland, O), 1866
Goodman, Bart (Newburyport, Mass), 1853
Graham, Harry E. (Lake Jackson), 1796
Gray, Chas. P. (Detroit, Gibson, Miss), 1896
Greene, J. (St. Paul, Minn), 1834
Grierson, Ralph (Detroit, Mich), 1798*
Gruen, A. D. (Indianapolis, Ind), 1878
Guardia, Fred (New York, NY), 1878*
Guthrie, J. (New York, N.Y.), 1834
Hamilton, Wm. R. (Pittsburgh, Pa), 1736
Harper, G. W. (Peoria, Ill), 1719*
Hartwig, A. R. (E. Peoria, Ill), 1859
Herbrich, Paul (Jersey City, NJ), 1700*
Hess, J. (St. Paul, Minn), 1834
Higley, P. (Metamora, Mich), 1878*
Hoffman, David (New York, NY), 1799*
Hoffman, B. J. (Indianapolis, Ind), 1837
Hornbe, F. A. (Grain Valley, Mo), 1734
Hornbe, R. (Elysvyrg, Pa), 1807*
Hornstein, Dr. N. (Buckley, WVa), 1807*
Horun, V. (St. Paul, Minn), 1710*
Houseworth, C. H. (Dearborn, Mich), 1813
Hudson, J. (St. Paul, Minn), 1834
Huimes, Alfred (Denver, Colo), 1740*
Isbell, John (Washington, DC), 1854
Johnson, A. L. (St. Paul, Minn), 1720
Johnson, Paul (Austin, Tex), 1895
Johnson, Lucille (Detroit, Mich), 1846
Kelly, R. F. (Oklahoma City), 1732
Kemble, Dr. R. P. (Millersville), 1789
Kilian, Raymond (Millon, Nev), 1769*
Kilpatrick, J. (New York, N.Y.), 1834
Kirby, Geo. A. Jr. (San Jose, Cal), 1840*
Kittsley, Dr. S. L. (Milwaukee), 1841
Knapp, Dr. L. T. (Minneapolis), 1833
Kraus, Wm. C. (Gary, Ind), 1769
Krusche, John (Irving, Ill), 1776
Krueger, John (Plainfield, NJ), 1800*
Kupka, Dr. E. (San Francisco), 1885
Lapin, John (Bay City, Mich), 1797
Larson, J. (St. Paul, Minn), 1834
Laucks, E. F. (W. Orange, NJ), 1785
Lavandero, P. S. (San Juan, PR), 1836
Lay, Kenneth (Ripon, Wis), 1786
Lebehrer, E. F. (St. Petersburg), 1805
Lebehrer, E. F. (Hialeah, Fla), 1834
Lee, Francis (Baton Rouge, La), 1825
Leonards, R. A. (Elmhurst, NY), 1890
Lester, H. B. (Cen. Sandwich, NH), 1825
Lester, H. B. (Chicago, Ill), 1767
Levitin, Martin A. (Chicago, Ill), 1843
Lewis, Ted (Chicago, Ill), 1843
Lichtenstein, I. (Brooklyn, NY), 1807
Lubar, B. H. (Philadelphia), 1875
Lynch, J. (Hialeah, Fla), 1769
McCure, Jas. A. (Nashville, Tenn), 1837
McLellan, R. A. (Omaha, Neb), 1826
MacQuown, W. C. (Denver, Colo), 1761
McQuown, E. (Woburn, Mass), 1834
McRae, J. (New York, N.Y.), 1834
Martin, D. B. (Ft. Worth, Tex), 1730
Martin, W. H. (Ellensburg, Wash), 1700
Martinson, Geo. (Chesterford, Ind), 1820
Mayer, Jackie (Louisville, Ky), 1807
Mayer, Jackie (Louisville, Ky), 1807
Melus, R. L. (Jamestown, NY), 1866
Milbourne, W. R. (Lansdowne, Pa), 1768*
Miller, Arthur G. (Ft. Worth), 1891
Miller, Arthur G. (Hialeah, Fla), 1834
Minck, Richard (New York, NY), 1795
Moote, T. P. (Tulsa, Okla), 1809
Moskowitz, Ely (Mt. Carmel, Pa), 1709
Moudlen, J. M. (Dallas, Tex), 1751
Muller, Edw. F. (Flint, Mich), 1704
Muller, Edw. F. (Flint, Mich), 1704
Mundell, C. A. (Winthrop, Mass), 1865*
Munely, Ken (Elorado Sprgs), 1725*
Munely, Jack (Marathon, Tex), 1731
Muska, Henry (St. Paul, Minn), 1731
Mufo, Peter (Britt, Ia), 1846
Nickel, Art F. (Philadelphia), 1750
Nields, Norman B. (Reading, Pa), 1848
Nields, Norman B. (P. Woodbury address)
Nippell, Norman H. (Houston), 1839
Noel, Jas. B. (Shreveport, La), 1819
Noonan, Dr. T. (Rochester, NY), 1803
Northam, Jack (Manhattan, Kans), 1840
Northam, Jack (Manhattan, Kans), 1840
Ottosen, Walter (Milwaukee, Wis), 1877
Parkin, Cecil L. (Ft. Worth, Tex), 1824
Pauksa, Al (Miami, Fla), 1806*
(Pauksa: Please report your address)
Pauksa, Al (Miami, Fla), 1806*
Piatigorsky, Mrs. G. (Los Angeles), 1872
Piper, A. D. (Elmira, NY), 1809
Popp, J. H. (Haven, Kans), 1712
Powers, J. (Paterson, NJ), 1722*
Powell, J. (New York, N.Y.), 1834
Puckett, R. E. Jr. (Richmond, Va), 1771
Quinones, J. S. (Amarillo, Tex), 1735
Rein, Sheldon (Minneapolis), 1818*
Rein, Sheldon (Minneapolis), 1818*
Rice, Grady B. (Ft. Worth), 1736
Robertson, Dave (Detroit, Mich), 1838*
Rose, Dr. R. N. (Tonawanda, NY), 1769
Rubin, Irwin (Brooklyn, NY), 1741
Ryan, J. P. (Lexington, Va), 1755*
Schenker, Steven (Ithaca, NY), 1822*
(Schenker: Please report your address)
Scherer, E. A. (Great Lakes, Ill), 1860*
Scherer, Edw. (New York, N.Y.), 1833
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NATIONAL CHESS RATINGS

Schiebler, A. R. (Hamburg, Pa.)	1715
Schackman, Wm. (Brooklyn, N.Y.)	1733
Schlosser, Dr. M. (Decatur, Ill.)	1820
Schwartz, Dr. I. (Durham, N.C.)	1820
Scott, Wm. A. (Atlanta, Ga.)	1862
Selensky, Mrs. Mary (Phila.)	1875
Semb, Melvin (Winona, Minn.)	1750
Shaw, Jack (Santa Fe, N.M.)	1797
Shubov, David (Miami, Fla.)	1750
Sidley, Bruce J. (Cincinnati)	1744
Sildmets, Anton (Lincoln, Neb.)	1764
Simmer, C. H. (St. Paul, Minn.)	1840
Slater, E. W. (Akron, O.)	1846
Slater, Mrs. Kath. (New York)	1881
Slone, Leo (Ithaca, N.Y.)	1881
Smith, Dane (St. Paul, Minn.)	1781
Smith, Russell (Dallas, Tex.)	1898
Solkoff, Eph. (Raleigh, N.C.)	1728
Spelman, Pete (Princeton, N.J.)	1728
Spickman, Please report your address	1759
Starinaks, Jonas (So. Boston)	1759
Stetzer, D. F. (Washington, DC)	1856
Stevenson, J. W. (Great Falls)	1750
Stiefel, M. (Washington, DC)	1719
Stikl, Adam C. (Milwaukee)	1710
Stokes, Frank C. (Waterloo)	1835
Svensen, Dr. K. (Norman, Okla.)	1776
Sweiffach, Joel (Bayonne, N.J.)	1803
Tail, Thomas (Philadelphia)	1886
Tamillow, Richd. (Ft. Worth)	1721
Taylor, Irvin (Salt Lake City)	1797
Teitelbaum, Sam (Salt Lake City)	1756
Teufel, Hugo Jr. (Wichita, Kans.)	1720
Tietzel, G. (Burlington, Vt.)	1720
Tilles, Jerome (Baltimore)	1717
Traibush, E. V. (Boulder, Colo.)	1821
Tubelis, Edw. (Ft. Worth, Tex.)	1869
Tumbly, Jack (Shreveport, La.)	1714
Tumbly, Jack (Washington)	1752
Underwood, Dr. R. S. (Lubbock)	1838
Unruh, A. E. (Ft. Worth, Tex.)	1741
Vandenberg, V. E. (Lansing, Mich.)	1700
Van Fleet, H. C. (Ft. Worth, Tex.)	1759
Vandusen, (Chicago, Ill.)	1792
Virgin, Robt. H. (Tulsa, Okla.)	1871
Voef, Dr. A. (Borger, Tex.)	1769
Vollmer, R. W. (St. Louis, Mo.)	1840
Vollmer, George (Chicago, Ill.)	1840
Wade, Brad (LaGrange, Ga.)	1775
Waltz, J. G. (Pittsburgh, Pa.)	1808
Warren, J. G. (Rock Island, Ill.)	1829
Wassers, Waldo L. (Lake Jackson)	1798
Wassers, Please report your address	1798
Waves, E. F. (Corpus Christi)	1750
Weaver, F. H. (Seattle, Wash.)	1808
Webb, James D. (Austin, Tex.)	1829
Weiner, Leon (Houston, Tex.)	1708
Weiner, Dr. E. S. (Des Moines, Ia.)	1708
Weninger, J. L. (Brooklyn, N.Y.)	1758
Welsh, Albert (Battle Creek)	1716
Wertheim, Michael (Ithaca, N.Y.)	1784
White, Roy E. (Ft. Worth, Tex.)	1823
Whitman, Ted E. (Milwaukee)	1701
Wilcock, Wm. (Jamestown, N.Y.)	1730
Winston, W. O. (Dallas, Tex.)	1730
Wood, Peter (Lincoln, Neb.)	1713
Wuelfing, Al. (Carmichael, Cal.)	1829
Ziegler, C. R. (Allentown, Pa.)	1879

CLASS C	
Altman, Joseph (Brooklyn, N.Y.)	1659
Anders, Richd. (Chicago, Ill.)	1574
Baldwin, M. D. (Burlington, N.J.)	1639
Baxter, T. J. (New Bern, N.C.)	1531
Beer, F. H. (Pittsburgh, Pa.)	1545
Bender, M. L. (Mechanicsburg)	1535
Berg, Charles E. (Newark, N.J.)	1600
Bevan, Thos. J. (Tulsa, Okla.)	1530
Blake, Wm. (Shell Rock, Ia.)	1500
Blood, Jas. A. (Manhattan, Kans.)	1556
Bolton, Floyd B. (Hammond, Ind.)	1555
Bradford, Wm. (Cedar Rapids, Ia.)	1555
Brand, Prof. R. (Charleston)	1661
Brogden, W. B. (Winter Haven)	1501
Brown, A. L. (So. Orange, N.J.)	1592
Cerda, Gilberto (Del Rio, Tex.)	1536
Church, Maj. N. B. (Miami, Fla.)	1675
Cloud, Wm. (New Orleans)	1597
Clyatt, Herbert (Decatur, Ill.)	1565
Cohan, Morton (Bayonne, N.J.)	1635
Cohenour, W. H. (Ft. Worth, Tex.)	1645
Collins, Hal (Ft. Worth, Tex.)	1546
Connally, E. K. (Waco, Tex.)	1597
Corfman, Howard (Cleveland, O.)	1612
Crawford, Elmer (Philadelphia)	1508
Cushman, J. A. (Ft. Worth, Tex.)	1544
Cutlip, Maxine (Wewoka, Okla.)	1670
Davidson, Sander (Tulsa, Okla.)	1588
Dean, Stuart M. (Boonville, N.Y.)	1523
Dittmar, F. W. (Philadelphia)	1562
Donahue, Walter J. (Hartford)	1696
Donon, Martin (Miami Beach)	1623
Eigen, Louis (N. Bergen, N.J.)	1623
Elkum, Robt. G. (Dunkirk, N.Y.)	1622
Elder, Richard (Philadelphia)	1689
(Elder: Please report your address)	
Elkins, Geo. D. Sr. (Ft. Worth)	1570
Ellithorpe, G. (Waterman, Ill.)	1646
Farkas, Zoltan (Clifton, N.J.)	1514
Frankenfield, W. A. (Detroit)	1656
Galvin, Fred (St. Paul, Minn.)	1597
Garland, R. E. (W. Neekbury, Mass.)	1567
Ginter, Karl (Charlotte, N.C.)	1567
Graham, Dr. J. D. (Denison, Tex.)	1568
Goble, W. W. (Clifton, Pa.)	1614
Gold, Albert (Philadelphia)	1652
Golden, W. J. (Saugus, Calif.)	1601
Goodman, L. J. Jr. (Columbus, O.)	1603
Gray, Margaret (Newburyport)	1502
Graves, Frank R. (Ft. Worth)	1684
Gray, Chas. E. (Los Angeles)	1640
Grether, Hans (Midland, Mich.)	1600
Guthridge, LeRoy (York, Pa.)	1589
Haines, Wm. F. (Upper Darby)	1535
Hainer, Dr. J. E. (Cincinnati)	1597
Hardesty, G. (Oklahoma City)	1585
Hardy, Jack (Gambier, O.)	1653
Harris, J. W. (Ft. Worth, Tex.)	1619
Harris, R. D. (Shreveport, La.)	1540
Harwood, Britton (Clifton, N.J.)	1541
Hayward, Dr. W. S. (Huntington)	1522
Hine, J. Brooks (Cleveland, O.)	1660
Hinton, Norman (Tulsa, Okla.)	1510
Homer, Sidney Jr. (New York)	1676
Hoover, Z. L. (Montoursville)	1685
Huff, Dr. C. (Houston, Tex.)	1584
Hunter, Douglass (Dallas, Tex.)	1584
Hunter, Edw. A. (Baton Rouge)	1652
Jackson, G. J. (Jacksonville)	1687
Jeffrey, H. E. (Rock Island)	1694
Johnson, Edwin (Jamestown)	1515
Johnson, W. W. (Tulsa, Okla.)	1638
Johnson, Melvin (Tulsa, Okla.)	1522
Jones, Willard S. (Decatur)	1614
Joseph, Sam (Corpus Christi)	1538
Kalodner, Howard (Philadelphia)	1697
Kalodner, Martin (Greenville, S.C.)	1502
Kinch, Chancy E. (Fremont, O.)	1680
Kinton, Jas. P. (Lansing, Mich.)	1591
Kish, Edmund J. (Bradford, Pa.)	1646
LaFreniere, O. (Yakima, Wash.)	1623
Lally, Jos. (Locust Valley, N.Y.)	1638
Levy, Alfred B. (Louisville)	1638
Lieberman, Jack (Philadelphia)	1510
Ligotvet, P. (Kalamazoo, Mich.)	1636
Lohla, John A. (Detroit, Mich.)	1626
Longmire, O. K. (Bellevue, Wis.)	1657
Lorion, H. E. (Lewistown, Pa.)	1533
Lubarsky, B. (Oak Ridge, Tenn.)	1533
Luebbert, M. W. Jr. (Kans. City)	1561
Lyon, Chester A. (Peoria, Ill.)	1672

McDavid, H. R. (Ft. Worth, Tex.)	1542
McGunnigle, Thomas (Seattle)	1646
(McGunnigle: Please report your address)	
McDonald, K. R. (Wichita, Kans.)	1670
Mades, Philip (Skyland, N.C.)	1580
Maddox, H. O. (Marion, Mo.)	1631
Magalis, Cyrus (Houston, Tex.)	1653
Markson, Ted A. (Miami Beach)	1625
Mason, Abra O. (Detroit, Mich.)	1672
Maize, Jerome (Philadelphia)	1660
McNeil, Paul (Dover, N.J.)	1643
Miller, John W. (Detroit)	1539
Morgan, E. (Phillips, Tex.)	1626
Moff, Dr. C. D. (Denison, Tex.)	1595
Murray, David (Jersey City)	1571
Nast, Ted (Dougherty, Mass.)	1638
Nearing, Pauline (Decatur)	1500
Neel, Rudd T. (Huntington, W.Va.)	1654
Nelms, A. R. (Ft. Worth, Tex.)	1577
Newman, Allen (Ithaca, N.Y.)	1692
Nitzsche, E. F. (Mtn. Road, Mass.)	1691
Older, J. F. (Lexington, Ky.)	1693
Olsen, G. L. (Ft. Worth, Tex.)	1675
Olman, O. M. (Minneapolis)	1696
Omanuel, V. E. (Miami Beach, Fla.)	1346
Ozment, R. E. (Ft. Worth, Tex.)	1580
Panabick, Thos. (Elmhurst, N.Y.)	1576
Pathakis, Ted W. (Salt Lake City)	1673
Pena, R. E. (Norman, Okla.)	1583
(Pena: Please report your address)	
Pendergrass, J. D. (Waco, Tex.)	1635
Pinney, W. T. (Los Angeles, Cal.)	1537
Powell, Chas. L. (Honolulu)	1500
Rindale, A. L. (Marshfield, Wis.)	1583
Riordan, W. G. (New York)	1584
Redwine, Dan A. (Ft. Worth, Tex.)	1682
Reinsch, H. T. Sr. (Deep River)	1509
Resler, R. E. (Arcadia, Fla.)	1510
Rhead, Dale E. (Gary, Ind.)	1688
Rhodes, N. (Riverside, Cal.)	1584
Riordan, R. (Ft. Thomas, Ky.)	1599
Roberson, B. F. (Tampa, Fla.)	1539
Roll, John (Carter Lake, Ia.)	1658
Rothacker, Leo (Tulsa, Okla.)	1587
Rothwell, Allen (New York)	1587
Sacks, Paul (St. Louis, Mo.)	1533
Sanderson, W. D. (Detroit, Mich.)	1550
Schanters, O. (Lincoln, Neb.)	1642
Schiff, Floyd (Richmond, Va.)	1571
Seropian, Albert (Brooklyn, N.Y.)	1663
Shaw, Chas. A. (Miami, Fla.)	1523
Shore, Richd. (Denver, Colo.)	1520
Sidel, Vic. (Princeton, N.J.)	1581
(Sidel: Please report your address)	
Silver, Arthur (Brooklyn, N.Y.)	1613
Simmons, W. R. (Sioux Falls, S.D.)	1620
Smith, B. M. (Schenectady, N.Y.)	1502
Smith, Leslie (Lexington, Ky.)	1609
Smith, U. Scott (Richmond, Va.)	1571
Snyder, Dr. F. D. (Bilk. Mountain)	1550
Spann, Jerry G. (Norman, Okla.)	1668
Speck, Robt. J. (Scott AFB, Ill.)	1506
Spencer, Edw. C. (Buffalo, N.Y.)	1564
Stallard, W. (Ft. Worth, Tex.)	1585
Terry, Thos. W. (Milwaukee)	1623
Theis, Don E. (Evergreen, Colo.)	1587
Thompson, O. D. Jr. (Borger, Tex.)	1541
Thompson, Mrs. O. D. (Borger, Tex.)	1538
Triche, Wm. (Tulsa, Okla.)	1618
Virgin, Jerry (Tulsa, Okla.)	1618
Waldrup, Carl E. (Chicago, Ill.)	1654
Walker, Col. D. F. (Ft. Worth)	1641
Wallace, H. (Smithfield, N.C.)	1664
Waterman, Chas. (Amesbury, Mass.)	1548
Watson, Mrs. E. N. (Ft. Worth, Tex.)	1628
Weberg, Kenneth (Salina, Kans.)	1569
Weinstein, Jack (Williamsville)	1695
Wentz, Lewis (Baton Rouge)	1590
Weitzner, E. (Brooklyn, Wis.)	1548
Whiteside, C. B. (Tulsa, Okla.)	1658
Whitlow, D. L. (Denver, Colo.)	1676
Widney, W. A. (New York, N.Y.)	1589
Whitford, Dorothy (Ferguson, Mo.)	1677
Will, Mase S. (Borger, Tex.)	1569
Wingard, C. (Birmingham, Ala.)	1546
Wood, Jesse (Denver, Colo.)	1546
Woodward, H. A. (Asheville, N.C.)	1555
Yarmark, Isaac (Passaic, N.J.)	1670

CLASS D	
Adicks, W. C. Sr. (Asheville, N.C.)	1300
Ames, Chas. B. Jr. (Oklahoma City)	1458
Anderson, Henry (Fredonia, N.Y.)	1471
Baer, Clarence (Detroit, Mich.)	1471
Basharian, Edward (Detroit)	1177

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Adicks, W. C. Sr. (Asheville, N.C.)	1300
Ames, Chas. B. Jr. (Oklahoma City)	1458
Anderson, Henry (Fredonia, N.Y.)	1471
Baer, Clarence (Detroit, Mich.)	1471
Basharian, Edward (Detroit)	1177

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Adicks, W. C. Sr. (Asheville, N.C.)	1300
Ames, Chas. B. Jr. (Oklahoma City)	1458
Anderson, Henry (Fredonia, N.Y.)	1471
Baer, Clarence (Detroit, Mich.)	1471
Basharian, Edward (Detroit)	1177

CLASS G	
Adicks, W. C. Sr. (Asheville, N.C.)	1300
Ames, Chas. B. Jr. (Oklahoma City)	1458
Anderson, Henry (Fredonia, N.Y.)	1471
Baer, Clarence (Detroit, Mich.)	1471
Basharian, Edward (Detroit)	1177

CLASS H	
Adicks, W. C. Sr. (Asheville, N.C.)	1300
Ames, Chas. B. Jr. (Oklahoma City)	1458
Anderson, Henry (Fredonia, N.Y.)	1471
Baer, Clarence (Detroit, Mich.)	1471
Basharian, Edward (Detroit)	1177

CLASS I	
Adicks, W. C. Sr. (Asheville, N.C.)	1300
Ames, Chas. B. Jr. (Oklahoma City)	1458
Anderson, Henry (Fredonia, N.Y.)	1471
Baer, Clarence (Detroit, Mich.)	1471
Basharian, Edward (Detroit)	1177

CLASS J	
Adicks, W. C. Sr. (Asheville, N.C.)	1300
Ames, Chas. B. Jr. (Oklahoma City)	1458
Anderson, Henry (Fredonia, N.Y.)	1471
Baer, Clarence (Detroit, Mich.)	1471
Basharian, Edward (Detroit)	1177

CLASS K	
Adicks, W. C. Sr. (Asheville, N.C.)	1300
Ames, Chas. B. Jr. (Oklahoma City)	1458
Anderson, Henry (Fredonia, N.Y.)	1471
Baer, Clarence (Detroit, Mich.)	1471
Basharian, Edward (Detroit)	1177

CLASS L	
Adicks, W. C. Sr. (Asheville, N.C.)	1300
Ames, Chas. B. Jr. (Oklahoma City)	1458
Anderson, Henry (Fredonia, N.Y.)	1471
Baer, Clarence (Detroit, Mich.)	1471
Basharian, Edward (Detroit)	1177

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Adicks, W. C. Sr. (Asheville, N.C.)	1300
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The Reader's Road To Chess

By Kester Svendsen

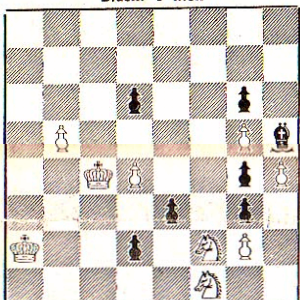
THE CHESS MIND. By Gerald Abrahams. New York: Pellegrini & Cudahy. 292 pp., 248 diagrs. \$4.

NOT even the experts can resist the mystery of the chess mind. Psychologists have from time to time examined masters to see what enables them to say checkmate (the Menningers some years ago explored Koltanowski), ordinary journalists have often had a try, and so have one or two chessplayers. Edward Lasker in his *The Adventure of Chess* gave a whole chapter to "The Chess Mentality." Comes now the well-known English player Gerald Abrahams with his breakdown into such elements as vision, common sense, imagination, judgment, error, chance, memory, and technique. The best part of his method appears in the illustrative examples chosen from actual play. After describing what he means by vision, Abrahams sets up the crucial position from Rubinstein-Capablanca, San Sebastian 1911, and illustrates the several degrees of vision involved. One may quarrel with the nomenclature or cry for a professional headshrinker (psychologist, that is); but one cannot gainsay Abrahams' plan. Frequent and full discussion of actual positions as indicative of the workings of the chess mind is surely a valid way of getting at its secrets. Not that the reader can thereupon produce masterpieces, for knowing that intense imagination is characteristic of the greatest players is not the same as having imagination. But seeing that imagination in action should stir a spark or two, and from these a modest combination may some day result. Every game in existence will manifest to some degree most of the qualities discussed here; Abrahams has annotated 35 specially chosen. These and the 248 positions make an absorbing study for the club player.

Challenge

Endgame

Original Composition
By Vincent L. Eaton
Silver Spring, Md.
Black: 8 men



White to play and win

Problem Editor Eaton writes as follows:
Dear Mont:

I must apologize for perpetrating such a tough endgame on the Chess Life readers. They were warned, of course, that it might give them some trouble both by its being called a "challenge" endgame and by my offer of a five dollar prize for the best solution. People who tackled it had a chance to earn some money in return for their labor in trying to work it out. But the rather remarkable thing is that of the 28 solutions received through promotion by White. Quite possibly a number of readers saw this main line but were deterred from sending in solutions by the complexity of the ensuing analysis.

Of the solutions actually received, there were some splendid analyses. The two solvers who covered the play most accurately and convincingly were Henry R. Meitert, of Kalamazoo, Mich., and Earl Weatherford, of Kansas City, Mo. To each of them I am mailing a check for \$2.50. Honorable mentions go to Edmund E. Hand, Edmund Nash, Ronald O'Neil, Dr. Julius S. Weingart, Sven Brask, Norman R. Jaffray, and Hugh C. Underwood. Good analyses were also received from Dr. L. Schwartz, N. P. Wright, T. Sgt. Steve Myzel, Robert D. Sobel, William B. Wilson, and Edwin MacDonald Gault.

The entire solution would take many pages to write out, and would crowd out other worthwhile material from the pages of Chess Life. For those who are interested, however, here are some of the principal lines:

1. Kt-Q1
The only move. If 1. Kt-KxP, PxKt and Black will not only queen a Pawn but get his Bishop into play. If 1. Kt-K4, P-K7, after which Black will queen a Pawn and, with the Queen able to move around the board, be able at least to draw the game. If 1. Kt-Q3, Kt-K4; 2. Kt-QP, PxKt wins or 2. Kt-QP, B-K8 (Qch) wins or 2. Kt-B2, P-K7 wins or 2. Kt-K2, P-Ktch wins.
2. Kt-K2
Best; if 2. Px Kt(Q); 3. Kt-Q, K-K8; 4. K-Q3, etc.
3. K-Q3
This temporarily immobilizes Black's Queen, confining it to the eighth rank or to a time-wasting attempt to break out via the King's Rook's file.
3. Kt-K8
Best. If Black tries to escape by 3. Kt-Q7, play is as follows: 4. Kt-Q, PxKt; 5. Kt-P, Kt-B6; 6. Kt-B1, B-B8; 7. Kt-P, BxP; 8. K-Q2, Kt-K6; 9. Kt-P, B-Q4; 10. Kt-B5, PxKt; 11. P-R3, K-B5; 12. P-B6, B-K7; 13. P-QKt6 wins. Or if 3. Kt-Q7,

Q-R8; 4. P-Kt6, QxRP; 5. P-Kt7, QxKtP; 6. P-Kt8(Q) threatening 7. Q-Kt2 mate, whereupon 7. K-R6; 8. Kt-K2 mates next move. These were the lines that the solvers took to be the "theme" of the endgame, overlooking Black's subsequent stalemate threat in the play that follows.

4. P-Kt6 K-B8 5. P-Kt7 P-Q4!!
The point of Black's defensive maneuvers. Now if 6. P-Kt8(Q), Q-Kt7h1, 7. Kt-Q stalemate. Or if 7. Kt-Q, Q-Kt7h1, Kt-K4, Q-Kt8ch; 8. Kt-Q, QxKt and Black wins, if, however, 5. Kt-Q; 6. Kt-Q, Kt-K7; 7. P-Kt8(Q), K-K8; 8. Q-Kt4 wins, or if 6. Kt-Q, K-B8; 8. Q-Kt7h1 and 9. Q-B2ch wins. 6. P-Kt7 (Bishop)
This produces a complex situation. Before analyzing the more difficult consequences, let us first dispose of some subsidiary Black moves.

If 6. Kt-Q, QxKt(K5)ch; 7. Kt-Q, P-Q8(Qch); 8. Kt-Q, Kt-K7; 9. BxP, K-B8; 10. B-R4ch, K-Q8; 11. P-Kt3, K-K8; 12. K-B3, K-Q7; 13. K-K4, K-Q6; 14. K-B5, K-K5; 15. B-K5, K-B4; 16. Q-Q6 (not 16. KxP stalemate!), K-K5; 17. K-K6 and wins the QP.
If 6. Kt-Q, Q-B7, White will get into serious danger if 7. Kt-Q, PxKt; 8. K-K2, P-Ktch; 9. K-B1, P-Qch; 10. Kt-Q, Kt-K7; 11. Kt-Q, Kt-P; 12. Kt-Q, Kt-P; 13. Kt-Q, Kt-P; 14. Kt-Q, Kt-P; 15. Kt-Q, Kt-P; 16. Kt-Q, Kt-P; 17. Kt-Q, Kt-P; 18. Kt-Q, Kt-P; 19. Kt-Q, Kt-P; 20. Kt-Q, Kt-P; 21. Kt-Q, Kt-P; 22. Kt-Q, Kt-P; 23. Kt-Q, Kt-P; 24. Kt-Q, Kt-P; 25. Kt-Q, Kt-P; 26. Kt-Q, Kt-P; 27. Kt-Q, Kt-P; 28. Kt-Q, Kt-P; 29. Kt-Q, Kt-P; 30. Kt-Q, Kt-P; 31. Kt-Q, Kt-P; 32. Kt-Q, Kt-P; 33. Kt-Q, Kt-P; 34. Kt-Q, Kt-P; 35. Kt-Q, Kt-P; 36. Kt-Q, Kt-P; 37. Kt-Q, Kt-P; 38. Kt-Q, Kt-P; 39. Kt-Q, Kt-P; 40. Kt-Q, Kt-P; 41. Kt-Q, Kt-P; 42. Kt-Q, Kt-P; 43. Kt-Q, Kt-P; 44. Kt-Q, Kt-P; 45. Kt-Q, Kt-P; 46. Kt-Q, Kt-P; 47. Kt-Q, Kt-P; 48. Kt-Q, Kt-P; 49. Kt-Q, Kt-P; 50. Kt-Q, Kt-P; 51. Kt-Q, Kt-P; 52. Kt-Q, Kt-P; 53. Kt-Q, Kt-P; 54. Kt-Q, Kt-P; 55. Kt-Q, Kt-P; 56. Kt-Q, Kt-P; 57. Kt-Q, Kt-P; 58. Kt-Q, Kt-P; 59. Kt-Q, Kt-P; 60. Kt-Q, Kt-P; 61. Kt-Q, Kt-P; 62. Kt-Q, Kt-P; 63. Kt-Q, Kt-P; 64. Kt-Q, Kt-P; 65. 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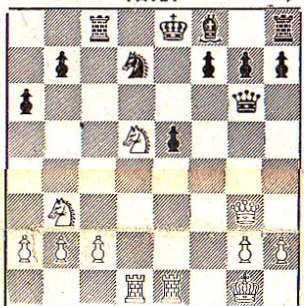
Sunday, October 5, 1952

SICILIAN DEFENSE

New York State Championship
Cazenovia, 1952

Notes by Allen Kaufman

White: KAUFMAN Black: PAVEY
1. P-K4 P-QB4 4. KtP Kt-KB3
2. Kt-KB3 P-Q3 5. Kt-QB3 P-QR3
3. P-Q4 PXP
With this move, Black prepares for the P-K4. White must now decide where to put the Kt. Reshevsky played 6. P-KK1 to retreat the Kt to K2. Sherwin-Evans continued 6. P-B4 to place the Kt on KB3. The text intends to put it on QK1.
6. Kt-Q1 P-K4 9. O-O QK1-Q2
7. Kt-KB3 B-K2 10. B-K3 R-B1
8. P-B4 B-K2
Better is 10. B-K2 with 11. O-O in mind. 10. R-B1 is actually anti-positional, since pressure on White's QB2 is decreased instead of increased: when the White QKt goes to Q5 the BP is not in prise because R-B1 wins for White.
11. Q-K1 PXP 13. R-Q1 B-B5
12. BXP Kt-K4
This move is premature; it is usually not played until much later, or in the event of P-KB3, which was rendered impossible by Black's 11th move.
14. BxB QXB
If 14. QXB, Kt-B5; 15. B-B1! gives White a decisive plus.
15. Kt-Q5
The weakness on Black's QK13 now becomes apparent. If Kt-K13; 16. RxBt gives White a very strong game. Of course, not 15. Q-K5; 16. Kt-K13 ch. If 15. KtXP; both 16. Kt-K16 and 16. R-Q4 win.
15. Kt-K13
Holding Black's K4 and QK13.
16. Q-K13!
Renewing the pressure on Black's K4 and, consequently, QK13.
16. Q-K13?
This loses by force, but it is difficult to find a constructive move for Black since 16. Q-K13! paralyzed the K-side.
17. KR-K1 Q-K13
Q-B4 also loses: 18. Kt-Q4, Q-R4; 19. Kt-B1, Kt-K13; 20. BxKt wins the house.
18. BxKt PxB
After 18. PxB
PAVEY



KAUFMAN
If 18. QXB; 19. BxQ ch wins a piece.
19. RXP ch!!
The point. If 19. QXB; 20. QxKt ch, Q-K3; 21. Kt-B7 ch, RxBt; 22. QXR. 19. Q-K1 21. Kt-K16
20. QXR RXP
The thematic weakness on Black's QK13 becomes too great: Black pays off.
21. R-B2 22. R(S)-Q5 Resigns

SICILIAN DEFENSE

Illinois State Championship
Rock Island, 1952

Notes by John G. Warren

White: F. STOPPEL Black: J. G. WARREN
1. P-K4 P-QB4 4. KtP Kt-KB3
2. Kt-KB3 P-Q3 5. Kt-QB3 P-QR3
3. P-Q4 PXP 6. P-KB3
Either 6. B-K2 or 6. P-B4 are playable. The text move presages a K-side attack. The choice of move illustrates the flexibility of the Sicilian, though both sides must play with extreme care.

Solutions: Mate the Subtle Way!

No. 355 (Popovski): 1. Kt-Q2. The try of 1. Kt-R2 is defeated by 1. R-K4.
No. 356 (Dobbs): 1. P-Q5. The key pins the White Q and allows beautiful unpin, line-pin, and half-pin variations.
No. 357 (Zagoruyko): 1. Q-R8. Four flight squares for the Black King cleverly controlled in the variations 1. BxP; 1. RXP; 1. BxR; and 1. R-B4.

No. 358 (Eaton): 1. P-Kt6, P-R6; 2. K-R4. 1. P-Kt6; 2. K-Kt4. 1. P-B6; 2. K-B4. 1. P-K6; 2. K-Kt6. 1. P-B5 or R moves; 2. Q-Kt5 ch. "A pretty reminder of Alain White!"—Earl Weatherford.

No. 359 (Dress): 1. Kt-K4, with changed mates after 1. R-K5, either RXP ch.

No. 360 (Hartong): 1. Q-K18, featuring cross-checks with self-blocks on the Black King's flight square at QB8 and an unexpected mate when 1. Kt-K6 ch.

No. 361 (Heathcote): 1. Q-R6, a classic cross-checker by the great English composer. The try 1. R-Q1 ch is met by 1. PXR(Kt)!

No. 362 (Loshinsky): 1. Kt-K5, threat: 2. Kt-K6 ch. If 1. Kt-K16 moves at random; 2. B-R7 ch. If 1. Kt-B4; 2. P-B3 ch. If 1. RxBt; 2. R-K4 ch! If 1. R-K6 ch; 2. QXR ch (Changed from 2. BXP ch). Another masterpiece from the hand of this brilliant Russian composer.

SOLVERS' LADDER

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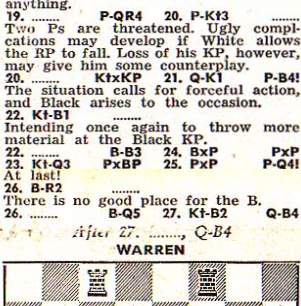
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Welcome and good wishes to new solvers Edward W. Buerger and W. I. Lourie as they begin their ascent of the Ladder.

Tournament Life

Conducted by
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6. B-K3 8. Kt-B5? P-K4
The normal 8. Kt-K3 would give White a good game without the complications of the text move. White's intent to play 9. Kt-K3 after 8. P-Kt3 is faulty, as the Kt blocks the KtP which must go to K4 soon if the planned attack is to materialize. His idea may have been to weaken Black's K-side with 8. P-KK13, as Black's KB must develop on K2 instead of K12 in the Paulsen system.
8. B-K3
Certainly not 8. KtP? in an attempt to win a P. as then 9. KtXP KtP! Also 9. BxKt? had, as after 9. PXP and 9. P-KK14, White has a powerful P-wedge on the K-side.
9. P-KK14 P-QK14 11. B-K15!
10. P-KK14 Kt-K3
White's plan becomes evident. He has a better spot reserved for his Kt, at K3. Black must play with extreme care to retain chances at equality, as both White Kts will no hold the QP in check.
11. QK1-Q2 12. Kt-K3
The Kt wasn't in immediate danger, as after 12. Q-B3; P-Kt3; 13. PXP, R-B1; 14. P-KK14, White is on the march. 13. P-Q4 wouldn't help, as 14. KtXB, Kt-K13; 15. QxKt would be the beginning of the end. White evidently wanted to stop Black's attempts to utilize the QB side.
12. P-R3 14. O-O B-K2
13. B-R4 R-B1 15. B-K13
Super-precaution. After a pressing opening, White now begins to play with probably too much caution, allowing Black a choice of moves. The text move, designed to pave the way for 16. Q-K2 wasn't necessary, as after 15. Q-K2, KtXP; 16. Kt-K13, BxB allows 17. QxP ch. White's plan, however, includes P-R4, and the QB is best stationed at K3 for this attack.
15. Q-Q2 K-R2 17. Q-R1 Q-B3
Probably the losing move, at any rate, if timed. With Black increasing pressure on the White KP, something like P-B3 was in order, or Kt-K5 might have been tried.
16. P-K15!
Now the center is indeed threatened, and Black's hopes of finally achieving the necessary P-Q4 are rosy.
17. Kt-K2
Neither 19. PXP, or 19. P-B5 offer White anything.
18. P-QR4 20. P-K13
Two Ps are threatened. Ugly complications may develop if White allows the RP to fall. Loss of his KP, however, may give him some counterplay.
20. KtXP 21. Q-K1 P-B4!
The situation calls for forceful action, and Black arises to the occasion.
22. Kt-K1
Intending once again to throw more material at the Black KP.
23. Q-Q3 B-B3 24. BXP PXP
At last!
26. B-R2
There is no good place for the B.
26. Q-Q5 27. Kt-B2 Q-B4
After 27. Q-B4
WARREN



KAUFMAN
If 18. QXB; 19. BxQ ch wins a piece.
19. RXP ch!!
The point. If 19. QXB; 20. QxKt ch, Q-K3; 21. Kt-B7 ch, RxBt; 22. QXR. 19. Q-K1 21. Kt-K16
20. QXR RXP
The thematic weakness on Black's QK13 becomes too great: Black pays off.
21. R-B2 22. R(S)-Q5 Resigns

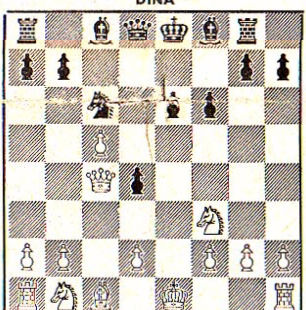
and P falls, providing an easy end-game win for Black.
33. K-K13?
This makes it even easier. The K begins to tread on dangerous ground.
33. Kt-B3 35. K-B4 BXP
34. R-K1 R-B6 ch 36. BXP?
This loses at least the exchange.
34. KtXB ch 37. KtB Kt-K6 ch!
No matter where the harassed White K moves, the Kt gets the R.
38. K-B4 Kt-K7 ch
Resigns

RETI OPENING

Southwestern Open Championship
Dallas, 1952

Notes by E. W. Marchand

White: H. H. HYDE Black: L. DINA
1. Kt-KB3 P-Q4 2. P-QB4 P-Q5
On 2. P-Q3 intending Lasker's Defense involving an early B-K4 and a very satisfactory game for Black. White can play 3. PXP, PXP; 4. P-Q4 or simply 3. P-Q4 transposing into a Slav Defense.
3. P-K3
Since the key idea of Black's last move (the Tarrasch Defense) is to play P-KB3 and P-K4, the text-move has become popular with the idea of undermining Black's center before it is formed.
3. P-QB4
In recent games 3. Kt-QB3 with an early P-K4 by Black has proven to be a playable alternative. For example 3. Kt-QB3 4. PXP; 5. Kt-K13, Kt-K13; 6. Kt-B3, P-K4; 7. P-Q3, Kt-K2; 8. B-K3, Q-Q2; 9. P-Q4, Kt-B4 as in Marchand-Pavey, Cazenovia, 1952.
An interesting gambit line here is 4. P-QK14, PXP; 5. BXP, PXP; 6. P-Q4 with excellent chances for White. If 4. P-KK14, P-B3; then 5. KXP, PXP; 6. P-B5 with B-B4 and Q-K13 in view. This idea occurs in the present game in a slightly different position.
4. PXP 5. P-B5!
A tantalizing move but not easy to refute. 5. P-QR4 and a gradual attack on the QBP is best for Black. Black's next move does not see wise since it weakens the White squares too much.
5. P-B3 7. BxK1?
White does not follow his basic plan. The prevention of Black's K-side castling does not prove to be much of an advantage since White is undeveloped. Better is 7. P-Q3 with 8. Q-K13 in mind.
7. RxB 8. Q-K13 P-K3
8. R-R1 and 9. P-K4 would seem to be more logical.
9. Q-QB4
After 9. Q-QB4
DINA



HYDE
Black is losing the advantage afforded by White's dubious 7th move. He should hold fast to his own QP and put pressure on White's QBP. 9. P-QR4 would be a safe way to keep the QBP out on a limb. A sharp and apparently successful procedure, however, would be 9. Kt-QR4; 10. Q-B2 (not 10. Q-K13, P-Q6; 11. Q-B3, Q-Q4) threatening the BP as well as mate in four.
10. KtXP KtXP 12. Q-QB4 Q-B2
11. QxK1 BXP
A superficial move threatening BxPch. White simply defends and develops at the same time. It is interesting to note that White could play 13. P-Q4 with tempo. But in the long 13. P-Q3 will prove better since the B in the black squares will then have greater mobility and White's control of the white squares will be easier.
13. P-Q3 Q-K4 ch 15. Kt-Q2
14. Q-K4 B-K15 ch
Not 15. B-Q2, QxKtP nor 15. Kt-B3, BxKt ch.

Solutions:

White to Play and Win
Position No. 101: 1. Kt-Q7 ch, K-B3; 2. Kt-Kt8 ch, K-B2 (if 2. Kt-K4; 3. Kt-R6 ch, K-B3; 4. B-Q2 ch wins); 3. Kt-R6 ch, K-Q7 (if 3. Kt-K4; 4. B-Q7 ch wins); 4. P-RR(Q)ch, Q-Q2; 5. K-K6 P-R3 (if 5. P-R4; 5. P-R3); 6. P-R5; PXP (if 6. P-K4; 7. P-R3); 7. P-R4 and wins. Black must lose his Q.
Position No. 102: 1. P-R(Kt)1; P-R6; 2. Kt-K6; P-K13; 3. P-B7; P-K14; 4. P-B8 (Kt); P-K15; 5. Kt-Q6, P-Kt4; 6. P-K7, P-Q4; 7. P-K8(Kt); P-Q5; 8. Kt-B6, P-K13; 9. P-K7, P-B4; 10. P-K8(B); P-B3; 11. BXP, P-B6; 12. B-B2, P-Kt6; 13. B-Q1, Kt-K7; 14. BxKt ch, P-Kt8 (any piece); 15. BXP mate.

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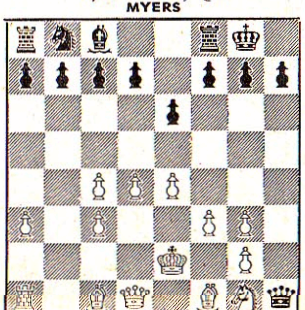
15. BxKt ch 16. KxB QxQ
An invitation to a simple draw due to the opposite-colored Bs. The game illustrates a significant opening idea in 4. PXP, PXP; 5. P-B5, the effect of which was unclear because of later inaccuracies.
17. PXP B-R2 22. B-B3 Kt-QB1
19. KR-Q1 R-QB1 23. QR-QB1 Drawn
20. P-B3 R-B2

NIMZOINDIAN DEFENSE

Southwestern Open Championship
Dallas, 1952

Notes by Hugh E. Myers

White: J. CALLIS Black: H. E. MYERS
1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3 4. P-QR3 BxKt-Q
2. P-QB4 P-K3 5. PxB P-Q4
3. Kt-KB3 B-K15 6. P-KB3 Kt-R4
The game, Bronstein-Szabo, Budapest 1950, continued 7. Kt-K13, P-KB4; 8. P-K4, MCO 3rd edition, p. 110, col. 50. Note (i) gives 6. Kt-R4; as question mark and puts exclamation points after 7. Kt-KR3 and 8. P-K4. While it is very likely that this is not the best line of play available to Black, MCO's conclusion that 6. Kt-R4 is wrong and that White's position is superior is incorrect. Szabo did get an inferior game after 8. P-QB4; 9. P-K5!, but the proper line was 8. PXP; 9. B-B5 (9. PXP, Q-R5 ch), Kt-B3; 10. PXP, P-KR3. Now if 11. B-R4, P-KK14; 12. B-K13 (12. KtXP, P-Kt13; 13. BXP, Q-K1), KtXP; 13. Q-R5, Q-K14 (14. QxP, R-B3). Or if 11. Kt-K13, QxK Black has good chances. Stahlberg recommends 7. B-K3, P-KB4; 8. B-B2 followed by P-K3, B-K3, and Kt-K2.
7. P-K4!
Not the best move but interesting and playable.
8. K-K2 Kt-K16 ch 9. PxKt QxR
After 9. QxR
MYERS



CALLIS
With some apprehension, the Q jumps in.
10. Kt-R3 P-Q3 13. B-B4 P-KB3
11. Kt-K5 P-K15 14. P-K14
12. PXP Kt-B3
White has visions of trapping the opposing Q. The possibility of this would be more remote after the intrinsically better 14. PXP; 15. BXP P-K4.
14. PXP 16. K-B2 PXP
15. B-K13 P-K5 18. Q-Q5 ch K-R1
17. PXP P-K4 19. Q-K4
White guards against BxP, but his best chance lay in 19. Kt-K5, threatening Philidor's Legacy. For example, after the following obvious variation, Black would lose: 19. Kt-K5, Q-R3; 20. Kt-B7 ch, RxBt; 21. QXR, Q-Q7 ch; 22. B-K2, Q-Q13; 23. R-R1. However, after 19. Kt-K5 there would follow BxP; 20. Kt-B7 ch, RxBt; 21. QXR, B-R4; 22. Q-B5, Kt-K2; 23. QXP ch! (23. Q-K4, R-B1 wins), KxB; 24. B-Q3 ch, B-K13; 25. BxB ch, KxB; 26. RxB, Kt-B3 with a probable win for Black.
19. B-K3! 20. R-R2 QR-Q1
Now 20. R-K1 or R-K1 with the idea of B-K12 falls after QR-Q1.
21. Kt-K15 Q-R3 22. K-K11 QxKt
As White's position is lost after 22. KtXB, QxKt, the loss of this Kt means little.
23. R-R2 B-K11 24. R-R5 Q-B8
Resigns

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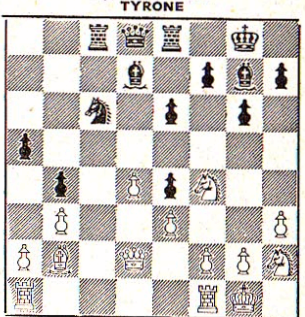
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GRUENFELD DEFENSE

New Mexico State Championship
Albuquerque, 1952

Notes by Jim Phillips

White: B. F. SCHNAP Black: C. B. TYRONE
1. P-Q4 P-Q4 6. PXP PXP
2. P-K3 P-Q4 7. B-K15 ch Kt-B3
3. P-QB4 P-KK13 8. Kt-B3 Q-Q
4. Kt-QB3 B-K12 9. P-KR3 P-QR3
5. Q-K13 P-B3
10. B-Q3 P-QK14 12. Kt-K2? ...
11. O-O P-K15
Instead Kt-QR4 threatening Kt-B5 leaves White with a big advantage on the side.
12. P-QR4 16. P-QK13 P-K3
13. Q-B2 B-Q2 17. B-K12 Kt-K13
14. Kt-B4 R-QB1 18. BxKt PxB
15. Q-Q2? R-K1 19. Kt-R2?
After 19. Kt-R2?
TYRONE



SCHNAP
Sidelineing his Kt, 19. Kt-K5 offered a playable game.
Opening the game to take advantage of his superior development. From now on Black never falters in pressing his advantage.
20. PXP KtXP 21. BxKt
White evidently does not relish P-KK14 followed by Kt-Q6. But now the B-pair sweeps the Q-side and the sidelined Kts are helpless to prevent it.
21. BxB 24. RxB ch RxB
22. QR-Q1 B-KM1 25. R-QK1 R-Q7
23. QxQ KRxQ 26. Kt-K14
White struggles in vain.
26. P-K13 RxB 28. Kt-QB6 P-R5
27. P-K13 RxB 28. Kt-QB6 P-R5
28. Kt-Q5 B-Q6 33. PXP P-K16
29. R-QB1 R-R81
30. RxB BxB
Resigns

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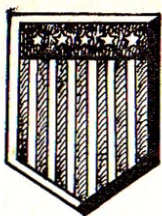
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Montgomery Major

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FIDE CONGRESS APPROVES LAWS

At long last the question of a new International Chess Code has been settled with a version, revised by a committee of FIDE President Rogard, Berman, Golombek and Wade, receiving final revision by the Assembly which adopted the modified text. A permanent committee, consisting of President Rogard, Berman, Golombek, Wade and Opocensky, has been appointed to consider all disputes that may arise from interpretation of the text, publish emendations as needed, and approve the translations into various languages from the original French text. There remains the arduous task of making an official translation into English, before the new Laws of Chess will be available for use in the USA.

Titles of International Grandmaster were awarded to E. Elis-kases (Argentina), E. Geller (USSR) and H. Pilnik (Argentina). Titles of International Master were conferred on O. Parda (Norway), R. Byrne (USA), J. H. Donner (Holland), M. Christoffel (Switzerland), L. Evans (USA), A. Fuderer (Yugoslavia), O. Kaila (Finland), Z. Milev (Bulgaria), K. Ojanen (Finland), T. Petrosian (USSR), and H. Porath (Israel).

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The Albanian Chess Federation was accepted as a new member of FIDE, and the offer of the Danish Chess Federation to hold the Junior World Championship in Copenhagen in July, 1953 was accepted.

Both Brazil and Argentina offered to stage the International Team Tournament in 1954, both agreeing to pay all traveling costs of the competitors from a port in Europe to South America and back. After discussion the offer of the Argentina Chess Federation was accepted and the Team Tournament is scheduled for Buenos Aires in March, 1954.

TURNER TAKES WASHINGTON OPEN

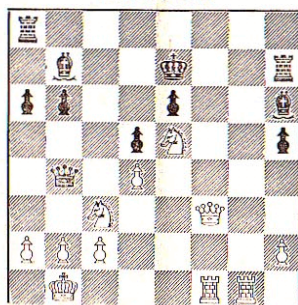
Don Turner of Portland, Ore. swept to victory in the Washington State Open at Seattle with 5½-½, drawing one game with former State Champion Leonard Sheets. Second place in the 16 player Swiss went to Russ Vellias of Seattle, while third to fifth with equal 4-2 scores on S.B. points were O.W. Manney, Ivars Dahlberg and Charles Ballantine. Vellias lost his game to Turner.

CANADA EYES RATING SYSTEM

Success of the USCF National Rating System has impressed our Northern neighbors who have played in various USCF rated events. According to "Canadian Chess Chat" the Chess Federation of Canada has appointed a committee to study the project of a Canadian Rating System. Philip G. Haley, King Edward Hotel, Edmonton, Alberta, has been appointed chairman.

Position No. 91

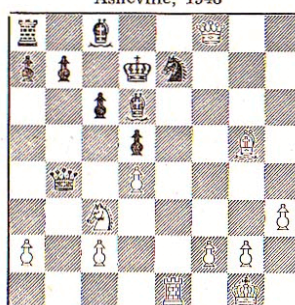
Euwe vs. Flohr
Carlbud, 1932



r7, 1b2k2r, pp2p2b, 3pS2p,
1q1P4, 2S2Q2, PPP4P, 1K3RR1
White to play and win

Position No. 92

Kit Crittenden vs.
Wm. C. Adickes, Jr.
Asheville, 1948



r1b2Q2, pp1ks3, 2pb4, 3p2B1,
1q1P4, 2S2P, F1P2P1, 4R1K1
White to play and win

Finish It The Clever Way!

Conducted by Edmund Nash

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BOTH positions are solved by the same move. In Position No. 91, Black resigned after White's third move. In the second position, Black resigned after White's third move.

Solutions to Positions No. 89 and 90 were accidentally omitted from the previous issue and are now included with solutions to the positions above.

For solutions please turn to Page four.

AIRMAN SMITH WINS MAJOR OPEN

K. R. Smith, formerly of Texas and now in the AAF in England, won the British Major Open 8½-1½. Second place went to S. Milan with 8-2, while tied for third with 7½-2½ each were J. B. Goodman, K. L. Gardner, and J. Ansell.

Concurrently R. G. Wade of New Zealand won the British Championship with 8-3, while six players scored 7-4, with R. F. Boxall and A. Phillips tied for second on S-B points.

ANDERSON TOPS NO DAKOTA MEET

Gordon Anderson, 25 year old war veteran, won the North Dakota State title in the twelve player Swiss event at Grand Forks by 4½-½, drawing his final game with defending State Champion Louis Waag. Second and third on S-B points with equal 4-1 scores were Leonard Graetz and George H. Hawkes, while W. H. Pico was fourth with 3-2 and former Champion Wagg fifth with 2½-2½. USCF Director D.C. Macdonald directed the event which was a 100% USCF rated tournament.

BAIN, KARFF SET FOR MOSCOW TRIP

Official invitation from the Soviet Chess Federation has been received for U.S. Women's Champion Mary Bain and former U.S. Women's Champion N. May Karff to participate in the Second Women's World Championship Tournament at Moscow, which begins on October 20th and is conducted under the auspices of FIDE. Travel expenses of the two American representatives will be borne by the Soviet Chess Federation under the terms of the tournament, but each player will be responsible for her own incidental expenses.

HYDE PARK CLUB PRINTS COLUMN

In an effort to publicize chess in the Chicago area and also to pave the way for a bonafide chess column, the Hyde Park Chess Club has been publishing a small chess column in the Chicago Daily News in the form of a paid advertisement. It was the Chicago Daily News that some thirty years ago ran a very well composed chess column as a regular feature, edited for a time by Dr. Edward Lasker. Chicago's more recent column, the well-edited feature by USCF Past President Elbert A. Wagner, Jr., was short-lived—a casualty to the failure of the Chicago Sun as an independent newspaper.

ROCHESTER YMCA TEACHES CHESS

Among the courses offered in the Fall season by the Rochester (N.Y.) YMCA are two courses on chess, one for beginners and one for advanced players. Both will be taught by CHESS LIFE Games Editor Erich W. Marchand, who conducted similar classes in chess in 1951-52. The classes will be held at the Central YMCA on Wednesday evenings.

BAUER DEFEATS POLIO HANDICAP

Richard Bauer, a polio victim since 1949, became a student of chess a year ago. Now, in his first tournament, he won the B Class event in the Buffalo City Championship by an 8-1 score, playing from an iron-lung and following the game by watching the board in a mirror.

On his 20th birthday, Bauer will receive a visit from Samuel Reshevsky, who is giving an exhibition in Buffalo, and will play the brave young chess fan a friendly game.

SOVIET PLAYERS STILL TOP FIELD

After fourteen rounds, the Soviet representatives still crowd together at the top in the Interzonal event at Saltsjobaden.

1. Alexander Kotov (Russia)	12-1
2. E. Geller (Russia)	9½-3½
3. T. Petrosian (Russia)	9½-4½
4. S. Taimanov (Russia)	9-4
5. Laszlo Szabo (Hungary)	8½-4½
6. Gideon Stahlberg (Sweden)	8½-5½
7. Y. Auerbach (Russia)	8-6
8. Svetozar Gligoric (Yugo)	7½-4½
9. Ludek Pachman (Czecho)	7-7
10. Erich Biskases (Argentina)	6½-6½
11. W. Unzicker (W. Germany)	5-6
12. G. Barcza (Hungary)	6-7
13. H. Steiner (USA)	6-7
14. L. A. Sanchez (Columbia)	6-8
15. Herman Pilnik (Argentina)	5½-7½
16. A. Matanovic (Yugoslavia)	5½-8½
17. Costa Stoltz (Sweden)	5-8
18. R. G. Wade (New Zealand)	4½-9½
19. Harry Golombek (England)	3-10
20. Povilas Vaitonis (Canada)	3-10
21. L. Prins (Netherlands)	2½-10½

ALMGREN TOPS CALIFORNIA OPEN

Sven Almgren of Los Angeles won the California Open Championship at Santa Barbara 6-1 in 40 player event, drawing with runner-up Pete Velliot and C. M. Capps.

Second to sixth on S-B points with equal 5-2 scores were Pete Velliot, P. D. Smith, Steve Smale, March Eucher, and M. Gordon.

Almgren, who held the lead steadily from the fourth round on, clinched the title with an early draw in the final round, but the fight for second place was an exciting finish with the game between Smith and Eucher delaying the awarding of prizes. The final result of a draw gave second place to Velliot, who had already drawn with Almgren.

Strength of the event was displayed by the names of the players who could do no better than seventh to twelfth in this strong field.

REIN OUTPLAYS WOODPUSHERS

In the Washington State Woodpushers' Tourney, visitor Sheldon Rein from Minneapolis outscored the local talent with 4-0 for first place. Second place went to Jack Nourse with 3-1. Tied for third with 3-1 and equal S-B points were Ted Warner, Ken Mulford and Floyd Hebert, while sixth, also with 3-1, was Craig MacPhee in the 16 player Swiss event at Seattle.

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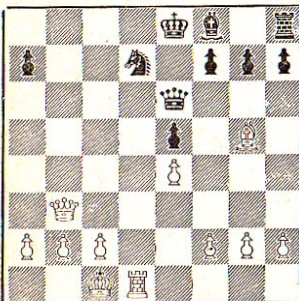
By Fred Reinfeld

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CHALLENGE TO CHESS PLAYERS

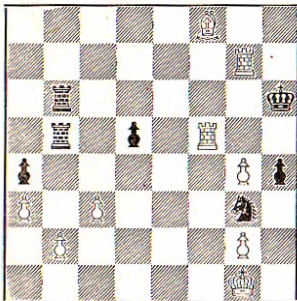
IN RECENT YEARS we have had a great many fine books on chess, dealing with almost every conceivable aspect of the game. Yet these books have neglected what is after all the primary object of a game of chess: the actual process of checkmating your opponent's King. The purpose of this book is to instruct you, the reader, in all the many ways of achieving checkmate.

Diagram 71
White moves
ALLIES



MORPHY
Paris, 1858

Diagram 72
White moves
BARDELBEN



SCHLECHTER
Prague, 1908

House during an intermission in game played at the Paris Opera. Conclusion of the famous game. 71. 1. Q-Kt4 ch, Kt4x; 2. R-Q8 mte. Conclusion of the famous game played at the Paris Opera. Conclusion of the famous game played at the Paris Opera.

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Plainfield (N. J.) Chess Club title went to I. Romanenko who scored 10½-½, drawing with F. Dulicai. J. Biach was second with 9-2, losing to Romanenko and J. Krueger, while Krueger and J. Mager shared third with 8½-2½ each.

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MONTGOMERY MAJOR,
Editor and Publisher

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 1st day of October, 1952.

(SEAL) DORIS V. OLSON
(My commission expires Oct. 14, 1954)

With The Chess Clubs

Cleveland Chess Association elected E. Mehwald president, H. Wiese first vice-president, J. L. Punol second vice-president, H. Miller treasurer, and Norda Troy secretary. The new editor of the Cleveland Chess Bulletin is John Spaur, who has conducted the problem feature for many months. Subscriptions to the Cleveland Bulletin, one of the best local chess publications is \$2 and may be sent to Joseph Bakies, 3115 Coluburn Ave., Cleveland 9, Ohio.

Germantown YMCA (Philadelphia) Chess Club bested the Lancaster Red Roses 5-4 in a hard-fought battle at Lancaster. R. Sobel, Mrs. Selensky, G. Raich, L. Divac and P. Snyder scored for Germantown while D. Kemble, T. Eckenrode, M. Fuhrman, and J. Sube tallied for the Red Roses.

Austin Chess & Checker Club (Chicago) elected Ed. Buerger president, Fred Haubold vice-president in charge of chess, Dr. A.J. Hunter vice-president in charge of checkers, Charles Brokaski treasurer, and Chas. Filipsek secretary. The club meets at Austin Town Hall, Lake and Sentral Ave., on Mondays and Thursdays at 8 p.m.

Downtown Y Chess Club (Pittsburgh) elected Bill Wallory president, David Hamburger first vice-president, Glen Waltz second vice-president, Bill Hamilton treasurer, and Bill Byland secretary. Bernard Berger become editor of the club publication "En Passant."

Rochester (N.Y.) Chess Club Championship ended in a 6½-½ tie between defending club champion Dr. Max Herzberger and Rochester city champion Erich Marchand. The two contenders drew their encounter and plan a four-game playoff. Third place went to Vincent Weig with 5-2, while Allan Candee was fourth with 3½-3½.

Alexandria (La.) outpointed Natchitoches 8-4 with Glenn Headrick, Phil Hernandez and Clyde Calvert scoring double victories for Alexandria, while Dale Headrick and Howard Alexander tallied once each. For Natchitoches R. B. Williams scored twice, while Eugene Watson and Carroll Fernbaugh salvaged single points.

Queen City (Buffalo) Chess Club suffered an 8½-2½ defeat in a match with the Toronto Chess Club. Scoring for Queen City were G. Mauer, V. Gable while G. Chase drew. Points for Toronto were won by F. Anderson, R. Siemms, N. Lidacis, M. Glassberg, J. Despard, C. Crompton, N. Kaldveer, H. Herbst while M. Kuttis had the draw.

Baton Rouge (La.) Chess Club bested New Orleans 9½-5½ in a recent encounter. Abbott and Small scored a double win for Baton Rouge while Claitor, Dornier, Patrick, Van Valkenburg, Hunter tallied single victories, and Lee a draw. For New Orleans Willis scored 1½, while di Paula, McAuley, Roscher and Fitzgerald salvaged single points.

Hyde Park (Chicago) Chess Club introduced the Latvian expert Eric Gutmanis to Chicago in a simultaneous exhibition in which Gutmanis won 7, drew 2 and lost 5 games. Winning against the Latvian expert were Arthur Levin, Hugh Wheeler, Benjamin Greenstein, Richard Greenbaum, Robert Bishop. Draws were obtained by Barry Herzberg and M. A. Fisher.

Racine (Wis.) Chess Club scored a surprise draw at Waukegan against the supposedly stronger Waukegan (Ill.) Chess Club. For Racine, Art Domsy, H. C. Zierke, E. H. Poetschke and Walter Teubner tallied the points, while Chick Hunt, Hans Josephsen, Joe Josephsen and Bev Butts scored for Waukegan. Dan Clark of Racine split the point with Joe Henderson.

Allentown YMCA Chess Club defeated Germantown (Philadelphia) YMCA Chess Club 7½-4½ at the Jewish Community Center in Allentown. Scoring for Allentown were Ziegler, Young, Lynch, Mack, Rockel and Gebhard while Gutekunst, Sherr and Faust drew. For Germantown Arkless, Mrs. Selensky, Smith won their games, while Lubar, Long and Guilio drew.

Lithuanian Chess Club (So. Boston) defeated Fort Devers (Mass.) Army chess team 3½-1½ in a friendly match. Winning for the Lithuanians were A. Keturakis, J. Starniskas, and P. Kontautas, while Sgt. Jack Cooney salvaged

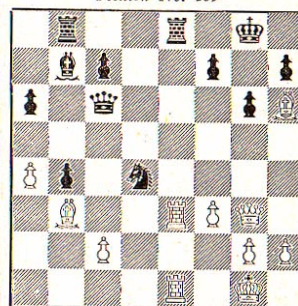
Chess Life

Monday, October 20, 1952

What's The Best Move?

By Guilherme Groessler

Position No. 103



1r2rk1, 1b2p1p, p1g3pB, 8, Pp1st, 1B2RPQ1, 2P3P, 4R1K1
White to play

Send solutions to Position No. 103 to the Editor, CHESS LIFE, by November 20, 1952.

Solutions to Position No. 100

This position yields to several key moves, but the nicest is the surprise stroke of 1. R-K6! played by Dobias against Podgorny in the Czechoslovakian Master Tourney. Black answered 1. R-K1; 2. BxP! and Black resigned. Obviously if 1. PxR; 2. QxP ch, K-R1; 3. Q-R6 ch, K-K1; 4. B-R7 ch and mate to follow.

However, the less spectacular 1. Kt-K6 or 1. BxP are also sufficient to win and will be accepted as valid solutions. Correct solutions are acknowledged received from: J. A. Baker (Mankato), J. Barry (Detroit), F. Cabot III (Sturgeon Bay), J. E. Comstock (Duluth), W. J. Couture (Charleston), J. Faucher (New Haven), D. Gayer (Lake George), E. Godbold, R. Grande (Denver), A. R. Hartwig (Peoria), W. H. James (Fox Lake), C. Joachim (Seattle), A. Kaufman (Chicago), P. Klebe (New Haven), E. J. Korpany (Woodside), H. Kurdek (Des Plaines), K. Lay (Ripon), D. C. McDaniel (Los Angeles), Dr. J. Melnick (Portland), M. A. Michaels (Montreal), E. F. Muller (Fint), E. Nash (Washington), I. Schwartz (Durand), J. C. Underwood (Washington), F. J. Valvo (Guilderland Center), J. L. Weininger (Brooklyn), W. B. Wilson (Amherstburg), N. P. Witting (Salem).

the point for Fort Devers. On first boards Kazys Merkis drew with Cpl. D. Hurst.

Germantown YMCA (Philadelphia) Chess Club saw former Illinois Champion J. Shaffer score 11 wins and 2 draws in a simultaneous exhibition at the Germantown club.

The Kibitzer Has His Day

From the Editor's Mail Bag

Dear Mr. Eaton

I wish to thank you for taking the time to send me a postcard about your very tantalizing problem. It was pointed out to me even before that it will not do to play 6. P-Kt8(Q), since Black gets an easy draw. I tried making it a Bishop, but in the end I can be two pawns ahead, but even then without any win which I can make out, the situation reminding me of a story I read in CHESS.

The Bishop of London and the Bishop of Zanzibar were to address a missionary meeting in London. The sexton prepared for a small audience and was much surprised when a large crowd came. He forgot that the meeting would be a great draw because of bishops of opposite colors.

Well, I shall await the solution with interest, and I congratulate you on a most interesting brain-twister.

JULIUS S. WEINGART, M.D.
Des Moines, Iowa

Dear Mr. Major:

Under the present method of breaking ties in tournaments, it seems rather unfair to the man who has had an opponent drop out before the end.

Normally, I believe, for tie-breaking purposes a player totals the plus scores of all his opponents if he beats them, and adds one-half their scores if he draws with them. Obviously, if one of his opponents drops out, there are several points that he does not get. For example,

in the 1951 New England Open, Weaver Adams tied with Walter Suesman. Adams beat two men who dropped out. Under the usual way of breaking ties, Suesman had the tie-break decided in his favor. His opponents played more games and he got more points.

I suggest a slight change in the method of breaking ties which will not affect the present scoring method if all games are played, and which only need be used in the event all games are not played. The only difference will be a fairer score for the man who has had an opponent drop out.

Stated simply, it amounts to this: To break a tie, obtain a player's total points as usual, but then divide by the number of games played by his opponents.

Thus we obtain a score based on the number of games played rather than based on the number of opponents. The fairness of this basis of figuring is immediately evident, especially to the man who has seen his opponents drop out of a tournament.

I don't know if this is anything new or not, but if it is of any help to the long-suffering tournament director, then he's welcome to it.

ERVIN E. UNDERWOOD
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

In regard to Mr. Solkoff's letter in a recent issue, it seems to be quite obvious that losses, as well

as wins and draws, should be evaluated in a tie breaking system. A player should receive more credit (or less penalty) for losing to a high scoring opponent than for losing to a tail-end.

Until recently I was not acquainted with the Solkoff System, but, realizing the shortcomings of the S-B System, we have used a similar system for the last three years in order to break Swiss System ties in the Sacramento City Championship. This entailed adding plus scores for wins, together with one-half the net scores for draws, and subtracting the minus scores for losses.

That this is an intermediate step in the derivation of the Solkoff System can be shown mathematically. Both systems will rate the players in the same order, and will differ from each other by a term which depends on the number of rounds played and is therefore constant for any one tournament.

Both are more fair than the classical S-B System, but the Solkoff System is easier to apply, and has the advantage of not resulting in minus scores for the lower half players. Neither will break ties in a round robin, but the toss of a coin is as fair as any there.

I join Mr. Solkoff in the recommendation of his system.

NEIL T. AUSTIN
Sacramento, California

Monday, October 20, 1952

INTERNATIONAL TEAM MATCHES

Helsinki, 1952

USCF Team Record Preliminaries

Round One	USA	Reshevsky	USA
1. van Scheltinga	1	Reshevsky	1
2. Prins	1	Evans	0
3. Donner	1	Byrne	0
4. Cortlever	1	Bisguier	0

Round Two			
USA		Israel	
1. Reshevsky	1	Czerniak	0
2. Evans	1	Oren	0
3. Bryne	1	Porath	0
4. Bisguier	1	Mandelbaum	0

4		0	
Round Three		USA	
Finland			
1. Book	1	Reshevsky	1
2. Ojanen	1	Evans	0
3. Kaila	1	Byrne	0

	2½		1½
Round Four			
USA		Switzerland	
1. Reshevsky	1	Grob	0
2. Evans	1	Morel	0
3. Byrne	1	Bachmann	0
4. Bisguier	1	Bhend	0

Round Five			
Greece		USA	
1. Gaitanaros	0	Reshevsky	1
2. Mastichiadis	0	Evans	1
3. Anagnostou	0	Byrne	1
4. Zografakis	0	Bisguier	1
	0		0

Round Six			
USA		Poland	
1. Reshevsky	1	Tarnowski	0
2. Evans	$\frac{1}{2}$	Plater	$\frac{1}{2}$
3. Byrne	0	Sliwa	1
4. Bisguier	$\frac{1}{2}$	Grynfeld	$\frac{1}{2}$
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Round Seven			
USSR		USA	
1. Smyslov	1	Evans	0
2. Geller	$\frac{3}{4}$	Byrne	$\frac{3}{4}$
3. Boleslavski	1	Bisguier	0
4. Kotov	$\frac{3}{4}$	Koltanowski	$\frac{3}{4}$

Championship Finals

Round One			
USA		Argentina	
1. Reshevsky	1	Najdorf	0
2. Evans	0	Bolbochan	1
3. Byrne	1	Eliskases	0
4. Bisguier	1	Pinlik	1

1. Keres	1	Reshevsky	0
2. Smyslov	1	Evans	0
3. Bronstein	0	Byrne	1

4. Geller	$\frac{1}{2}$	Bisguler	$\frac{1}{2}$
	2		2
Round Three		Czechoslovakia	
USA			
1. Evans	$\frac{1}{2}$	Pachman	$\frac{1}{2}$
2. Byrne	$\frac{1}{2}$	Sajtar	$\frac{1}{2}$
3. Bisguier	$\frac{1}{2}$	Kottnauer	$\frac{1}{2}$

4. Berliner	2	Zita	2
Round Four			
Yugoslavia		USA	
1. Gligoric	1	Reshevsky	1
2. Trifunovic	1	Evans	1

3. Pirc	0	Byrne	1
4. Milic	1	Bisguier	0
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Round Five

USA		Finland	
1. Reshevsky	1	Book	0
2. Evans	1	Ojanen	0

3. Byrne	$\frac{1}{2}$	Salo	$\frac{1}{2}$
4. Bisguier	0	Fred	1
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Round Six			
W. Germany		USA	
1. Teschner	0	Reshevsky	1

2. Schmid	$\frac{1}{2}$	Evans	$\frac{1}{2}$
3. Lange	0	Byrne	1
4. Rellstab	$\frac{1}{2}$	Bisguier	$\frac{1}{2}$
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	1		3
<i>Round Seven</i>			
USA		Sweden	
1. Reshevsky	0	Stahlberg	1

Solutions: Mate the Subtle Way!

No. 363 (Holladay): 1. B-B1. The try of 1. R-B5 is defeated by 1., RxB.

No. 364 (Holladay): 1. Kt-B8. "Nice indeed"—Rev. Chidley.

No. 365 (Holladay): 1. KtP-B. "Quite a feat, and not easy to solve"—Rev. Chidley. "Beautiful composition"—M. A. Michaels.

No. 366 (Holladay): 1. B-B8, threat: 2. R-K4. If 1., R(1)-B4; 2. B-K7 ch. If 1., R(1)-B5; 2. Q-K7 ch. If 1., R(7)-B4; 2. B-K1 ch. If 1., R(7)-B5; 2. Q-K1 ch. The try 1. Q-K3 is defeated by 1., R-R1 ch.

SOLVERS' LADDER

(Two points for two-movers; four points for three-movers; additional credit for correct claims of "cooks," i.e., solutions not intended by the composers. This tally covers solutions to problems in the September 20 issue received up to the time we went to press, On October 12. Names of solvers whose scores include the September 20 solutions are indicated with an asterisk.)

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Tournament Life

Conducted by
Erich W. Marchand192 Seville Drive
Rochester 17, N. Y.

Round Eight			
Hungary			USA
1. Szabo	$\frac{1}{2}$	Reshevsky	$\frac{1}{2}$
2. Barcza	$\frac{1}{2}$	Byrne	$\frac{1}{2}$
3. Szily	$\frac{1}{2}$	Bisguier	$\frac{1}{2}$
4. Florian	$\frac{1}{2}$	Koltanowski	$\frac{1}{2}$
	2		

Individual Records

	Prelim.	Finals	Total
1. Reshevsky	5-1	4-2	9-3
2. Evans	5-2	4-2	9-4
3. Byrne	5-2	6-1	11-3
4. Bisguier	4-3	3-5	7-8
5. Koltanowski	3-3	3-3	6-6
6. Berliner	3-3	1-1	4-4

QUEEN'S GAMBIT ACCEPTED
International Team Tournament
Helsinki, 1952

Notes by John E. Howarth

White	Black
D. BRONSTEIN (USSR)	R. BYRNE (USA)
1. P-Q4	P-Q4
2. P-Q4	PxP

Here 3., B-K15 is weak after 4. Kt-K5, B-R4; 5. Kt-QB3, P-K3; 6. P-KK4, B-K15, P-KB3; 7. Kt-R4 ch, P-B3; 9. Kt-B, P-K3; 10. QxP(B4), etc., with advantage, as in the game Alekhine-Gruenfeld, Semmering, 1926. Another continuation which is qualified as serviceable here (since after the text White can play 4. Q-R4 ch where Black usually has trouble in equalizing) is 3., P-Q13.

4. Kt-B3
Another course is 4. P-K3, P-K3; 5. BxP, P-B4; 6. O-O and now 6., P-Q13 where the normal harmony is not disturbed. The text is not a bad move; however the immediate regain of the P represents the requirements of "perfection."

4., P-Q13 5. P-K4? Black will now try to hold on to the P with 5., P-Q14. Hence it would have been better for White to have played 5. P-Q14 followed by P-K3. 5., P-Q14

Naturally.

6. P-K5 Kt-Q4 7. P-Q4
Two moves too late! If here 7. Kt-K15, P-B3; 8. Q-B3, Q-Q2; 9. Kt-K1, P-K1; 10. Q-R3, Kt-B3; 11. B-K3, Kt-Q1; 12. B-K2, then 12., Q-B4 because 13. White plays 13. QxP? he loses his Q by 13., B-K12 (Alekhine).

7., Kt-K1 9. P-K6? P-KB3
8. P-K1 B-K12 10. P-K13
Bronstein, who died Botvinnik in their world championship match two years ago, is finding it difficult to provide a "creative relation" between his moves.

10., Q-Q4
While Byrne enjoys the supremacy of relationship!

11. B-KK12 QxPch 12. B-K3 P-B3
If 12., Q-B1 followed, 13. P-Q5 would follow.

13. Q-O 15. PxP RPxP
14. R-K1 K-B2
A reduction of forces is welcomed.

16. RxR BxR 18. B-B4
17. Q-K2 Kt-R3
He intends to keep the Kt from B2, due to 19. BxKt, Qxh; 20. Q-Kt ch.

18., P-K13
Players of Byrne's caliber have the skill to discern such expectations.

19. Kt-Q2 P-R4 20. P-R4 B-K12
Black is intent upon getting this B into play.

21. K-R2 K-K12 25. BxK KxB
22. R-Q1 K-R2 26. Kt-B5 Kt-K1
23. B-R3 Q-Q1 27. P-K1 Q-B2
24. Kt-K4 B-R2 28. Q-Q2 ch
Of course if 28. R-R7, R-Q1.
28., K-K12 29. R-Q1 B-B1

After 29., B-B1
BYRNE

White	Black
BYRNE	BYRNE
1. P-Q4	P-Q4
2. P-Q4	PxP

White	Black
BYRNE	BYRNE
1. P-Q4	P-Q4
2. P-Q4	PxP

White	Black
BYRNE	BYRNE
1. P-Q4	P-Q4
2. P-Q4	PxP

White	Black
BYRNE	BYRNE
1. P-Q4	P-Q4
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White	Black
BYRNE	BYRNE
1. P-Q4	P-Q4
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White	Black
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1. P-Q4	P-Q4
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White	Black
BYRNE	BYRNE
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BYRNE	BYRNE
1. P-Q4	P-Q4
2. P-Q4	PxP

White	Black
BYRNE	BYRNE
1. P-Q4	P-Q4
2. P-Q4	PxP

White	Black
BYRNE	BYRNE
1. P-Q4	P-Q4
2. P-Q4	PxP

Exchanges are what he wants; the sooner the forces are reduced, the quicker the end.

30. B-K12 B-K3 33. R-R6 B-Q4
31. Q-K2 R-Q1 34. BxB RxB
32. R-Q1 R-Q1
The beginning of the end.

35. Q-K6 R-K4 40. R-Q8 Q-Q2
36. Q-R3 RxR 41. K-Q8 R-Q6
37. R-R8 R-B4 42. K-K1 R-Q4
38. Q-B1 Q-K12 Resigns
39. R-Q8 R-Q4

BIRD'S OPENING
International Team Tournament
Helsinki, 1952

Notes by Hugh Myers

White	Black
V. PIRC (Yugoslavia)	R. BYRNE (USA)
1. P-KB4	P-Q4

The principle opening strategy of White in Bird's Opening is to set up an absolute control of his K5 square. The most direct counter to this (and perhaps Black's easiest road to equality) is to play a King's Indian Formation by Kt-KB3, P-Q3, P-KK13, B-K12 and either P-B4 and Kt-B3 or Q-K1-Q2 and either P-K4 or P-B4. This method is sound but not aggressive so Black generally gets good winning chances only when White overreaches himself in attack.

A defense of uncertain strength tried recently is P-KK13, B-K12, and Kt-R3. 3. P-K3

The Ozols system P-KK13, B-K12, and P-QB4 is a good alternative. The Latvian-Australian master Karlis Ozols often plays this system both with White and Black.

P-KK13 4. P-QK13
A Queen's fianchetto is usually not a strong reply to a King's fianchetto. White would have better chances by playing a Stonewall with P-Q4, P-QB3, and B-K2.

B-K12 8. Kt-K5 B-K12
5. B-K12 O-O 9. P-Q3 Kt-K3
6. B-K2 P-B4 10. B-KB3 Q-B2
7. O-O P-K13 11. Kt-Q2 Q-R1
Disconcerting P-K4
12. Kt-K1 Kt-K1

P-K4 is prevented. Perhaps White should now play 13. Kt-K1, BxK1; 14. BxB, Kt-B3, but his position would be definitely inferior. For example, if 15. P-K4? Kt-K3; 16. P-K13, Kt-Q5; 17. Q-Q1, Kt-B3 ch and White must lose a P.

13. P-Q4
This illustrates the fallacy of White's opening system. His QBP will become weak, his QB's diagonal is blocked, and his Kt is not active. At the present time, Pirc is a fundamentally stronger player than Byrne, but it would take an Alekhine to hold his own after this kind of opening.

13., PxP 18. Q-B2 P-B3
14. PxP Kt-Q3 19. Kt-Q3 Q-B2
15. B-K3 P-K3 20. P-B4 PxP
16. KR-K1 KR-K1 21. BxB QxB
17. QR-B1 Kt-R4 22. PxP R-QB1
Although "hanging pawns" are often strong, in this case the pressure on them is such that they are quite weak.

23. P-QB5 Kt-B2 26. Q-B3 Q-Q2
24. B-B3 Kt-B3 27. Q-K3 Kt-B2-Q1
25. Kt-K13 P-B4 28. P-Q5!?

Pirc prefers complications to passively waiting for his position to weaken.

29. QxP 31. Kt-K14 Q-Q3
29. BxB KxB 32. Q-B3 ch K-K1
30. PxP PxP 33. KR-Q1 Q-K1
White has lost two P's in very clever fashion. He may have had the fortune hope that Black would donate the Exchange with 33., QxK1? Pirc now displays some more of his ingenuity but to no avail.

After 33., QxP
BYRNE

White	Black
BYRNE	BYRNE
1. P-Q4	P-Q4
2. P-Q4	PxP

White	Black
BYRNE	BYRNE
1. P-Q4	P-Q4
2. P-Q4	PxP

White	Black
BYRNE	BYRNE
1. P-Q4	P-Q4
2. P-Q4	PxP

White	Black
BYRNE	BYRNE
1. P-Q4	P-Q4
2. P-Q4	PxP

White	Black
BYRNE	BYRNE
1. P-Q4	P-Q4
2. P-Q4	PxP

White	Black
BYRNE	BYRNE
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2. P-Q4	PxP

White	Black
BYRNE	BYRNE
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2. P-Q4	PxP

White	Black
BYRNE	BYRNE
1. P-Q4	P-Q4
2. P-Q4	PxP

White	Black
BYRNE	BYRNE
1. P-Q4	P-Q4
2. P-Q4	PxP

White	Black
BYRNE	BYRNE
1. P-Q4	P-Q4
2. P-Q4	PxP

61. KxR	Kt-K6	65. K-K4	P-R3
62. RxP	Kt-Q8ch	Resigns	
63. K-Q4	Kt-R		

FRENCH DEFENSE
Simultaneous Exhibition
Chicago, 1952

Notes by J. Mayer

White	Black
L. EVANS	A. KAUFMAN
1. P-K4	P-K3
2. P-K4	P-K3

This is the only variation of the French which, at present, is considered to give an easy equality.

4. P-K5 Kt-K2? 7. P-K4 B-K15
The inversion of moves is not too wise. After 4., P-QB4; 5. P-Q4, B-K15; 6. PxB Black has Q-B2 available with good chances. Thus if 7. Kt-K4, P-KB4 or if 7. B-Q3, Kt-QB3; 8. Kt-B3, P-B5; 9. B-K2, B-Q2; 10. Q-O, O-O.

5. P-QB3 BxKtch 7. Q-K4 O-O
6. PxB P-QB4
The old line Kt-B4; 8. B-Q3, P-KR4 has been badly damaged by Adams' Q-R3! Nonetheless, the text is no improvement so the error involved in Black's 4th move is underlined.

8. P-KR4 Q-K1-B3 10. P-R6? 9. P-R5 Kt-B3

Larry is naturally hoping to get it over with—as a result he throws away his attack with one fell swoop. The best move is the temporizing Kt-B3. Then Black either to open the position or to close it completely. Either way White maintains the better of it.

10., P-KK13 11. PxP
It is no time to be worried about P formations. 11. Kt-B3, P-K1; 12. PxP! maintains the block on K5—and the attacking chances with it.

11. B-KK15 RxP 13. Q-R4
12. B-KK15 R-B2 13. Q-R4
White refuses to admit that he has the inferior position. Best was BxKt, RxB (if Kt-B3; PxP or QxB, Q-R4).

From here, Kaufman gives a fine demonstration of Black's "inevitable" (if White makes a mistake) counter-attack in the French.

14. Kt-B3 Kt-B4 15. Q-K4 P-K4
Another nice defensive move. If 15. PxP, Kt-RP! (not Kt-K6; 17. Q-R4) 16. Q-R4, Kt-K15.

16. Kt-P Kt-K15 18. QxKt Kt-K17
17. Q-Q1 Kt-P

So Black's combination has netted a P anyway. The rest of the game is handled nicely by Black but White's game is already completely shot.

19. Q-Q1 B-B4 25. K-B1 BxB
20. Q-R2 R-K1 26. RxP QxP
21. K-Q2 P-B5 27. KR-Q1 Q-B6
22. B-K3 B-K15 28. R-Q8 QxPch
23. B-K2 RxP 29. K-K11
24. BxR QxB

After 29. K-K11
KAUFMAN

White	Black
KAUFMAN	KAUFMAN
1. P-Q4	P-Q4
2. P-Q4	PxP

White	Black
KAUFMAN	KAUFMAN
1. P-Q4	P-Q4
2. P-Q4	PxP

White	Black
KAUFMAN	KAUFMAN
1. P-Q4	P-Q4
2. P-Q4	PxP

White	Black
KAUFMAN	KAUFMAN
1. P-Q4	P-Q4
2. P-Q4	PxP

White	Black
KAUFMAN	KAUFMAN
1. P-Q4	P-Q4
2. P-Q4	PxP

White	Black
KAUFMAN	KAUFMAN
1. P-Q4	P-Q4
2. P-Q4	PxP

White	Black
KAUFMAN	KAUFMAN
1. P-Q4	P-Q4
2. P-Q4	Px



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USSR SWEEPS INTERZONAL

RIVISE TAKES SO. CALIF TITLE

In an 18 player 12 round Swiss, Irving Rivise of Los Angeles (and formerly of New York) nosed our former State Champion Raymond Martin on S-B points for the Southern California title. Both scored 9½-2½ but Rivise had 73.50 in S-B to Martin's 68.25 points. Eugene Levin was third with 8½-3½, while fourth and fifth on S-B points with equal 7½-4½ scores were M. Gordon and M. Altshiller.

Rivise, who led the tournament from the fourth round until Martin caught up in the semi-final, lost one game to H. Gordon, and drew with Ray Martin, P. Lapiken, and A. Weiss. Martin lost a game to R. Jacobs, and drew with S. Almgren, M. Gordon, I. Rivise. Levin in third place lost to Rivise, Martin and M. Altshiller, while drawing with M. Gordon. Rivise, Martin and Levin qualified for the California State Championship finals.

POLIAKOFF WINS NO. CALIF TITLE

In a 10 player round robin D. Poliakoff scored 8-1½ to win the Northern California title, losing one game to B. Popoff. Second place went to H. Gross with 7-2, who lost to Poliakoff and drew with C. M. Capps and B. Popoff. C. M. Capps was third with 6-3, losing to Poliakoff and R. Currie. While drawing with H. Gross and S. Smale. Fourth place went to R. Currie who scored 5-4.

Poliakoff and Gross qualified for the California State Championship finals, of which the other entrants were Rivise, Martin and Levin from the Southern California Championship, Burger from the Central California Chess League Tourney, 1951 Open Champion Falconer, and defending Champion Arthur Spiller.

DOE OVERTHROWS HOLOWACH'S RULE

In the Alberta Provincial Championship Rae Doe of Calgary upset the five-year reign of Walter Holowach of Edmonton by winning the Alberta title 7-1 in a 16 player 8 round Swiss. Doe lost no games but drew with D. Sinclair and H. Bergmann.

Holowach was second on S-B points with 5½-2½, losing to Doe, and drawing with W. Litwinczuk, P. Connell, and L. Moser. Third on S-B with 5½-2½ also was L. Moser, who lost to Doe, and drew with P. Connell, H. Bergmann, and Holowach. H. Bergmann placed fourth with 5-3. It was the strongest Alberta title event in recent years.

CFC ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

The Chess Federation of Canada elected Canon H. L. Roy of Vancouver president; J. G. Prentice of Vancouver was named patron. The office of 1st vice-president was not filled, but Frank R. Anderson of Toronto was chosen 2nd vice-president, G. F. Cooper of Winnipeg treasurer, and J. F. Vest of Ottawa secretary.

BLACK, BOYER SHARE BUFFALO

The Buffalo City Championship was shared by veteran Roy T. Black and youthful Richard E. Boyer at 8-2 each, and play-off for the title was prevented by the illness of Richard Boyer, resulting unfortunately in his death in August before all adjourned games of the tournament were completed. Albert E. Vossler placed third with 6½-3½, while Chester T. Fell, Jr. and Morton R. Siegel shared fourth with 5½-4½ each.

Black drew with Boyer and Fell, and lost one game to George J. Mauer. Boyer lost no games but drew with Black, Vossler, Fell and Siegel. Vossler lost games to Black and Alfred A. Allison, and drew with Boyer, Carl E. Diesen, and James J. Barrett. Buffalo's chess columnist.

In the Class A tourney, Charles E. Braun placed first with 7-3; Norman C. Wilder, Jr. was second with 6½-3½, and Gordon J. Davenport third with 6-4.

Class B was conducted in two sections. In Section I Karl L. Wald, a young player, placed first with 6½-1½, Henry M. Pinkham was second with 6-2, and Craig M. Schmidt third with 5½-2½. In Section II victory went to Richard J. Bauer, playing from an iron lung, with 8-1, while Joseph Baranetsky was second with 7-2, and Paul O'Brien third with 5½-3½.

BALLOT FAVORS PLAN COMMITTEE

Members of the USCF Board of Directors and Executive Committee were asked in a special balloting to vote upon the two special resolutions, of which the text appears below:

**Resolutions Submitted to
Executive Committee and
Directors of United States
Chess Federation for Vote
by Mail.**

No. 1

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Directors and the Executive Committee of the United States Chess Federation, voting by mail, do hereby ratify and confirm the appointment of A. Wyatt Jones, Wm. M. Byland, Edgar T. McCormick, Herman Steiner and Frank R. Graves as a Promotional Committee to negotiate with Kenneth Harkness with a view of implementing the promotional plan outlined by Harkness, and we expressly ratify and confirm the action of the said Committee in making a contract with Mr. Harkness and we do hereby authorize the said Committee to do any and every thing whatsoever necessary to be done and to execute any papers required to effectively carry into operation the said Plan.

No. 2

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Promotional Committee is hereby authorized to employ Montgomery Major, or any other person, as editor of Chess Life on any terms and conditions that said Committee may seem best and proper for a term of years not to exceed five years.

USCF Secretary Major J. B. Holt announces the final tabulation of the voting as follows:

Resolution No. 1 For 72

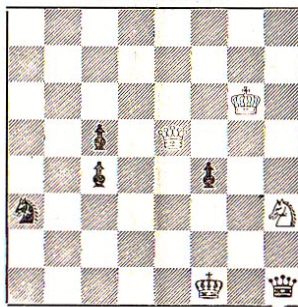
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Resolution No. 2 For 69

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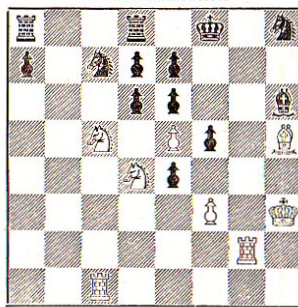
Ballots were mailed on October 6, 1952, and the final date for recording votes was October 20, 1952. Five ballots received after closing date are not included.

Position No. 203
By Vincent L. Eaton
Silver Spring, Md.
First Publication



8, 8, 6K1, 2p1Q3, 2p2p2, s6S, 8, 5K1q
White to play and win

Position No. 204
By C. B. Cook
Fort Worth, Tex.
First Publication



r2r1k1s, plsp3p3, 3pp2b, 2S1Pp1B, 3Sp3,
5P1K, 6R1, 2R5
White to play and win

White To Play And Win!

Conducted by William Rojram

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BOTH compositions this issue are the work of problemists, and the touch of the problemist is evident in the solutions. No. 203 is an interesting study in the "Staircase theme" with "switchbacks," technically difficult to compose and not easy to solve. No. 204 with its sacrificial key is also in problem style, but has a constructive idea in progressive elimination which is frequently quite applicable in an actual game in similar situations.

For solutions, please turn to Page four.

ENLARGED PLANS FOR CHGO LEAGUE

The Chicago City Chess League faces the 1952-53 season with an enlarged program for chess in Chicago. In addition to the usual team championship schedules, there will be a social team schedule, for fun not blood. Club memberships remain \$3.00; but in addition an individual player membership has been added at \$1.00 per player. Players on club teams are not required to be individual members, but entrants in the various individual tournaments must become members (members of member clubs may pay 50c dues). Junior membership will be 50c.

Individual tournaments planned are: Chicago Christmas Social Tournament in December, 1953 Chicago City Championship in January to February, 1953 Speed Championship in February, and 1952-53 Chicago Junior Championship in December. The Chicago Board of Education is cooperating in the last event. For information or membership, apply to A. Kaufman, 5531 So. Kimbark Ave., Chicago 37.

HOLD SEVENTH HUDSON CO MEET

The seventh annual Hudson County Interscholastic Chess Tournament at the Jersey City YMCA Chess Club will see Demerest and Memorial High Schools struggling for permanent possession of the Paul Helbig Trophy, which each team has won twice. Weehawken and Sweeney High Schools will be the other contenders, and the latter is the defending champion. The matches will be held on October 24, November 7, and November 14 at 7:00 p.m. sharp.

16 TEAMS VIE IN DC LEAGUE

The District of Columbia Chess League begins its 1952-53 season with a record number of teams participating in the play. For convenience these sixteen teams have been divided into two sections, and the top two teams in each section will battle in a three round play-off for the League title.

In the section titled "American League" the teams are Department of Agriculture, Washington Chess Divan "A," Federal Chess Club "B," Georgetown University, Library of Congress, Paragon Club, Naval Communications "B," and Operations Research Office. In "The National League" sections the teams are Applied Physics Laboratory, Bald Eagle Chess Club, Washington Chess Divan "B," Federal Chess Club "A," Federal Security Agency, Maryland University, National Chess Club, and Naval Communications "A."

EUWE TO PLAY IN CANDIDATES

According to an announcement by FIDE, Dr. Max Euwe has decided to play in the World Championship Candidates' Tournament in 1953. His entry will reduce to five players the number to be qualified for the Candidates by the current Interzonal event in Sweden.

At this stage of the tournament, it seems probable that all five qualifying players will represent the Soviet way of chess and life. At present standings only Gligoric of Yugoslavia, Stahlberg of Sweden, Szabo of Hungary, and Unzicker of West Germany seem to have any chance of overtaking the USSR quintette, consisting of Kotov, Petrosian, Geller, Taimanov, and Auerbach.

KOTOV TRIUMPHS IN INTERZONAL

Soviet players swept the five top places in the International Tournament at Saltsjobaden, Sweden with Kotov scoring 16½-3½ for first place, while Petrosian and Taimanov tied for second with 13½-6½ each. Geller placed fourth with 13-7, and Auerbach gained the coveted fifth place with 12½-7½ on S-B points, although tied in games won with Gligoric of Yugoslavia, Stahlberg of Sweden, and Szabo of Hungary. Unzicker of West Germany was ninth with 11½-8½.

It was notable that Kotov, Petrosian, and Taimanov lost no games in the 21 player event. Kotov won 13 and drew 7; Petrosian and Taimanov each won 7 and drew 13. Geller won 8, drew 10 and lost 2 — to Gligoric and Stahlberg. Auerbach won 6, drew 13 and lost one game to Stahlberg. It was notable that the Soviet players drew all their contests with each other.

Former U.S. Champion Herman Steiner compiled a 10-10 score in a tie for 11th place with Pachmann and Pilnik.

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Final Standings	
1. Alexander Kotov (USSR)	16½-3½
2. T. Petrosian (USSR)	13½-6½
3. S. Taimanov (USSR)	13½-6½
4. E. Geller (USSR)	13-7
5. Y. Auerbach (USSR)	12½-7½
6. Svetozar Gligoric (Yugoslavia)	12½-7½
7. Gideon Stahlberg (Sweden)	12½-7½
8. Laszlo Szabo (Hungary)	12½-7½
9. W. Unzicker (West Germany)	11½-8½
10. Erich Eliskases (Argentina)	10½-9½
11. Ludek Pachman (Czechoslovakia)	10-10
12. Herman Pilnik (Argentina)	10-10
13. Herman Steiner (USA)	10-10
14. A. Matanovic (Yugoslavia)	9-11
15. G. Barcza (Hungary)	8-12
16. Gosta Stoltz (Sweden)	7½-12½
17. L. A. Sanchez (Columbia)	7-13
18. R. G. Wade (New Zealand)	6-14
19. Povilas Vaitonis (Canada)	5-15
20. Harry Golombek (England)	4½-15½
21. L. Prins (Netherlands)	4½-15½

USCF WILL RATE TEAM MATCH PLAY

The performances of players in team matches and team tournaments can now be rated, according to an official announcement by USCF Vice-President William M. Byland and USCF Rating Statistician Kenneth Harkness.

The mid-year rating list, as of July 31st 1953, will be the first to include the results of team play in the average ratings published semi-annually in CHESS LIFE; but forms to report these contests are now available for distribution to club secretaries and tournament directors who request them.

Any team match or team tournament held in 1952 will be rated if the complete results are sent in, on an official report form, before March 31st 1953. For matches and tournaments now in progress, or scheduled to begin soon, report forms should be ordered at once. To insure the accuracy of ratings, every player is required to fill in and sign a report slip (a "pink slip") for a team tournament and a "blue slip" for a team match. These slips are mailed to the USCF with the complete results of the contest after it is finished.

The rating of team play presented many difficult problems. After much effort and a great many tests, a method has finally been developed that gives accurate (Please turn to page 3, col. 3)

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Thoughts On The Interzonal

NO criticism can be directed at the conducting of the Interzonal Tournament, held at Saltsjobaden under the auspices of FIDE, to qualify a limited number of entrants into the World Championship Candidates' Tournament of 1953. The Interzonal was more fortunate in this respect than the last Candidates event at Budapest, which remains a monument to incompetence in arranging an important chess event. By this statement we do not mean to criticize the actual tournament arrangements at Budapest, which were very competently handled by the Hungarian Chess Federation, but rather to repeat our condemnation of the spineless attitude of the FIDE Assembly which yielded to Soviet pressure and chose Budapest in preference to a prior and better offer from Buenos Aires.

It is now to be hoped that the Swiss Chess Federation will be successful in arranging the World Championship Candidates Tournament for 1955, where players can meet on neutral ground. Due to Soviet arrogance an offer to hold the Candidates' event in the USA was declined, and if Switzerland cannot arrange the event, it is destined for Moscow as another cozy Soviet monopoly.

There is monopoly enough in the Candidates' event as it is with all five players qualifying from the Interzonal coming from the USSR. The monopoly is unfortunate for chess, but is not subject to criticism for the players in question won the right to participation by superior play under equitable playing conditions.

In this connection one cannot even criticize the inclusion of Y. Auerbach in preference to Gligoric, Stahlberg or Szabo with whom he was tied in game score. Ties in an event of this nature are always unfortunate and the S-B system of tie-breaking is not altogether a satisfactory way of solving the problem; but it is the best we have at present for such situations. As Auerbach had the best S-B score, his selection for the fifth spot was legitimate and correct.

However, the result is unfortunate in that it surrenders the next Candidates' Tournament almost completely to the Soviet players, with Dr. Euwe and Samuel Reshevsky as practically the only players from the world outside the Iron Curtain. Such monopoly by any one country or region is unhealthy for chess. For this one must not blame the USSR for producing so many fine players (for this fact redounds to their credit), but rather one must criticize the countries of the Western World for not giving more support to chess. Chess-playing talent is not a monopoly of any race; but talent thrives best in those countries where popular support (or government support) make the life of the chess player easier.

That the USA, with two places reserved in the Interzonal event, could only send one representative, is a criticism of the indifference of American chess players regarding international chess. It is an indifference that must be overcome before the USA can hope to play an adequate part in international chess events.

Montgomery Major

The Reader's Road To Chess

By Kester Svendsen

THE HUMAN SIDE OF CHESS. By Fred Reinfeld. New York: Pellegrini and Cudahy. Pp. ix, 302. \$3.75.

"THE Reader's Road to Chess" welcomes yet another publisher to the group who include chessbooks in their trade lists. True, Abrahams' "The Chess Mind" was republished from England by Pellegrini and Cudahy. But this present volume, written in America by one of the world's most gifted and most interesting chess writers, is the first I have known to originate with them. It is a noble beginning. What Reinfeld does is offer the first connected "story of the world champions: their triumphs and their illusions, their achievements and their failures." He seeks below the surface of their records and their games for their qualities as human beings, from Morphy to Alekhine. In some he follows fairly conventional interpretation (Euwe and Alekhine); in some he revives forgotten evidence (Steinitz and Lasker). In at least one instance, he offers a brand-new theory: namely, Anderssen's understanding of the center and, in consequence, the real meaning of the match with Morphy. Rein-

feld claims, and his analysis of the match supports him, is that "Morphy won not because of a superior theoretical conception but because of a superior practical skill." This will come as a surprise to those who (like the reviewer) have always accepted Reti's evaluation of the great German as an attacking player with no insight into positional chess or the close game. The other discussions, though less challenging, are no less interesting. Fourteen annotated illustrative games, two from each man, complete the book, which (praise Allah and the publishers) has an index.

This is easily one of the most fascinating chess books ever written. Reinfeld's grasp of human personality is as important here as his profound knowledge of chess and chess history. He has no heroes or villains, no axe to grind. He is concerned to present the seven men as men excelling at chess, not just as chess champions: Anderssen the Romantic, Morphy the Gentleman, Steinitz the Lawgiver, Lasker the Philosopher, Capablanca the Machine, Alekhine the Fighter, and Euwe the Logistician. His display of their styles and habits of play, their weaknesses and their strengths, is set forth in some of the most readable prose I have seen devoted to chess.

Mate The Subtle Way!

by Vincent L. Eaton

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PROBLEM No. 375 is by a newcomer to problem composing, but by no means an amateur at it. Sergeant Myzel, who is stationed at Bolling Field Air Base, in Washington, has been an enthusiastic solver for some months, and has recently turned his hand to composition. From this effort it will be seen that he possesses ideas and the skill to carry them out.

The British Chess Federation has just announced its forthcoming problem composing tourneys, as follows:

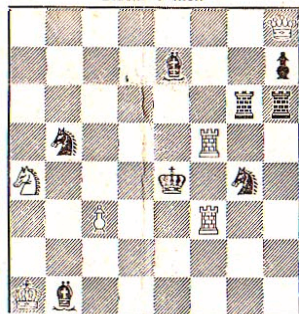
No. 71. For three-movers containing at least two model mates. Judge: M. Havel.

No. 72. For three-movers without restrictions as to the nature of the mates. Judge: V. L. Eaton.

No. 73. For two-movers (limited to no more than two entries from each composer). Judge: A. W. Daniel.

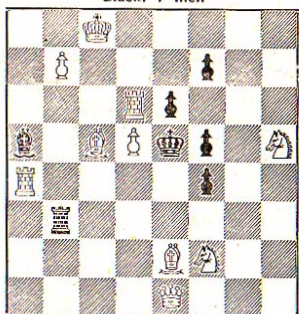
Composers must submit two diagrams in clear chess type (stamped or drawn) of each problem entered. Both diagrams must contain the composer's name and address, the full solution, and nothing else. Send entries to G. W. Chandler, 46 Worcester Road, Sutton, Surrey, England, to arrive on or before February 28, 1953. Prizes of 40, 30, 20, and 10 shillings will be awarded for the four best problems in each tourney.

Problem No. 375
By T/Sgt. Steve Myzel
Washington, D. C.
First Publication
Black: 8 men



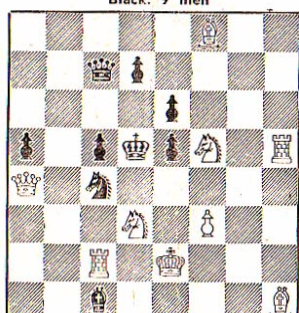
White: 6 men
7Q, 4b2p, 6rr, 1s3R2, S3k1s1, 2P2R2,
8, Kb6
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 376
By J. T. Lightbourn
Hamilton, Bermuda
First Publication
Black: 7 men



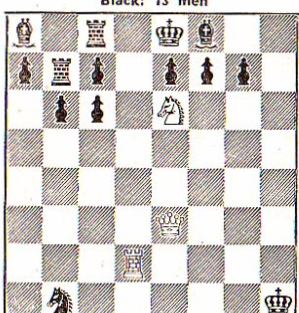
White: 10 men
2K5, 1P3p2, 3R3p, b1BPkp1S, R4p2
1r6, 4BS2, 4Q3
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 377
By Ottavio Stocchi
Langhirano, Italy
First Publication
Black: 9 men



White: 9 men
5B2, 2qp4, 4p3, p1p3p1S, Q1s5,
3S1P2, 21K3, 2b4E
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 378
By A. Akerblom
2nd Prize, British Chess
Federation, 1951-52
Black: 13 men



White: 4 men
b1r1kb2, p1p1p1, 1pp1S3, 8, 8,
4Q3, 3R4, 1S5E
White mates in three moves

NORTH DAKOTA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Grand Forks, 1952

1. Gordon Anderson (Northwood, N. D.)	W8	W7	W6	W3	D5	43-1	17.75							
2. Leonard Gracz (Hansboro)	W5	L6	W7	W8	W9	4-1	14.50							
3. George H. Hawkes (Grand Forks)	W12	W4	W9	L1	W10	4-1	10.00							
4. W. H. Pico (Cavalier)	W9	L3	W11	L5	W6	3-2	8.00							
5. Louis Waag (Grand Forks)	L2	L10	W12	W4	D1	25-24	7.75							
6. Melvin Johnson (Northwood)	2-3	(7.00); 7. Richard G. Werth (Moorhead, Minn.)	3-2	(7.00); 8. Stanley S. Johnson (Grand Forks)	3-2	(5.00); 9. Thor Nelson (Grand Forks)	2-3	(4.00); 10. R. R. Smith (Grand Forks)	1-4	(3.50); 11. Jonas Hildremyr (Petersburg)	1-4	(2.00); 12. Joe LaPire (Omnabrock)	0-5	(0.00).

SAN ANTONIO CITY CHAMPIONSHIP

San Antonio, 1952

1. Leon Poliackoff	W10	W4	W2	L3	W9	4-1	11.00
2. Hans Struck	W12	W6	L1	W9	W4	4-1	7.50
3. Blake W. Stevens	D9	D8	W11	W1	L5	3-2	8.00
4. Dr. A. A. Murray	D11	L1	W7	W8	L2	3-2	6.50
5. John B. Payne	D8	D7	L6	W12	W3	3-2	5.25
6. James B. Wooding	D7	L2	W5	D11	D8	25-24	6.25
7. Lt. Col. George M. Davis	D6	D5	L4	D10	W12	25-24	3.75
8. Allen H. Baker, Jr. 2-3 (5.25); 9. Leslie Ghetzler 2-3 (4.50); 10. Paul R. Fisher 2-3 (2.25); 11. Morley Pastinsky 2-3 (2.25); 12. Sgt. Marvin Ellington 0-5 (0.00).							

Ellington forfeited the last two rounds.

Alekhine's Early Chess Career

Additional Data
By A. Buschke

V. ALEKHINE IN SOVIET-LAND

COMPARED with the rather close results of the present Soviet Champion, Keres, in the latest Soviet Championship Tournaments and even some of Botvinnik's successes in such events (70.59-73.68% for Keres; 67.5-88.24% for Botvinnik), Alekhine's 80% in the First Soviet Championship of 1920 appears rather impressive. However, we have to take into account that Soviet Chess in 1920 was not what it is today, that only three recognized masters (Levenfish and I. and A. Rabinovich) competed in the 1920 Olympics against Grandmaster Alekhine, and that the participants were all or almost all—as has been attested especially by and for Romanovsky, Shakhmaty v SSSR 1950 no. 10 p. 209; also "Ways of Chess Creativity," in Russian, 1932, p. 159—out of practice at the time of the Olympics.

We have even stronger indications to prove that Alekhine's success in this tournament, in spite of the impressive figures, is not one of the really outstanding results of his chess career, not to speak of the quality of the games which, according to our best sources, were not so "hot" either.

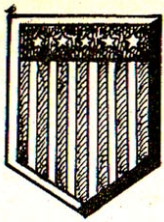
Even Romanovsky, when he conquered the Soviet Championship in the Second Championship Tournament of 1923 in Petrograd, made 10 points out of possible 12, and against the 6 players who had also competed in 1920 and against whom Alekhine had made 4½ points or 75% (Levenfish, A. Kubbel, Ilyin-Zhenevsky, I. Rabinovich, Grigoriev and Zubarev), he had exactly the same result; Levenfish the runner-up, who inflicted the only defeat on Romanovsky (*), made even 5½ or 91.67% against this particular group of 6.

Even more striking, however, are another Grandmaster's achievements in similar competition. We refer to Bogoljubow's successes in the III and IV Soviet Championship Tournaments of Moscow 1924 and Leningrad 1925.

In Moscow 1924 (III Championship), Bogoljubow won, without loss (13 wins, 4 draws and 2½ points ahead of Romanovsky who again was the runner-up; with the 6 players who had also been among Alekhine's opponents in the 1920 Olympics (Romanovsky, Levenfish, I. Rabinovich, Grigoriev, A. Rabinovich, and Ilyin-Zhenevsky), Bogoljubow made a perfect 100% score winning all six games while Alekhine had dropped half points to Romanovsky, Levenfish, and Ilyin-Zhenevsky and this made only 4½ points or 75%.

Also in Leningrad 1925 (IV Championship) when Bogoljubow met even 8 of Alekhine's 1920 opponents (in addition to the 6 of 1924 also A. Kubbel and Zubarev), he finished them off with a better score than Alekhine (6½ out of possible 8, or 81.25% against Alekhine's 6 or only 75%), and (Please turn to page 3, col. 2)

(*) This was like taking revenge for the inglorious defeat Levenfish had suffered from Romanovsky's hands in the Chess Olympics of 1920—and not without Alekhine's interference. Levenfish reports this story in "Shakhmaty v SSSR" p. 290: "I started the tournament very unfortunately. In the first round, meeting Romanovsky, I succeeded, after interesting fight, in getting a dead won position. I walked about in expectation of my opponent's reply when Alekhine approached and said: 'I see, you have prepared a mate with rook sacrifice.' Just then Romanovsky makes his move, and I, like lightning, sacrifice the rook... I only to notice with terror that the opponent's king has a loophole and there is no mate. It is a result I had to resign a few moves later." Romanovsky, in "Ways of Chess Creativity," p. 163, calls this move, without mentioning Alekhine's influence on it, "one of those tragic oversights which happen occasionally even in the practice of the greatest masters," but did not like this way to win such a game.



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TRI-STATE ENDS IN DRAW

FELL CAPTURES LAKE ERIE OPEN

Chester T. Fell, Jr. of Buffalo became the first local winner of the Lake Erie Open (Glenn Hartleb of Erie in 1950, and Erich Marchand of Rochester in 1951) when he scored 5-1 in the 14 player Swiss, losing one game to James J. Barrett, local chess columnist. CHESS LIFE Games Editor Erich W. Marchand was second with 4½-1½, losing to Fell and drawing with Dr. Max Herzberger. Dr. Herzberger placed third with 4-2, losing to Fell and drawing with Marchand and Roy T. Black, Sr. Fourth to seventh on Solkoff points with 3½-2½ each were Albert E. Vossler, James J. Barrett, and Arthur Damon. The event was 100 per cent USCF rated.

Fell received custody of the new Richard E. Boyer Memorial Trophy, and the three top players all received permanent trophies. Formation of the Lake Erie Chess Ass'n, to perpetuate this event, came during the course of the tournament. Roy T. Black, Sr. became president, Dr. Max Herzberger vice-president, T. William Wilcock secretary, and Norman C. Wilder, Jr. treasurer.

The Lake Erie Speed Championship, held as the final feature of the meet, was won by Dr. S. Robert Frucella with 7½-½, drawing with Erich W. Marchand who placed second with 6½-1½. Dr. Herzberger was third with 5-3.

WILLIAMS TOPS QUEBEC PROVINCE

Montreal City Champion J. Noel Williams added the Quebec Provincial title to his distinctions in a 22 player event at Montreal. Williams scored 5-1 and edged out runner-up Lionel Joyner on S-B points, although he lost the first round game to M. Baikovitz. Joyner lost no games but drew twice for a 5-1 score. Third to seventh on S-B points with equal 4-2 scores were Dr. J. Rauch, M. Baikovitz, P. Brunet, D. LeDain and I. Zalys with the last three tied in S-B points also.

INTERCOLLEGIATE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

December 26-30, 1952

John Jay Hall
Columbia University
Amsterdam Ave. at 114th St.
New York City, New York

Conducted by Intercollegiate Chess Chess League under the auspices of the U. S. Chess Federation. Restricted to undergraduates in good standing. Team of four matches (substitutes permitted) in seven round Swiss System Tournament. Teams must represent recognized colleges. Entry fee \$15.00 per team, of which \$10.00 pays USCF membership dues for college chess club sponsoring team; individual USCF memberships not required.

Entries should be sent to:
Albert Weissman
980 Grant Avenue
Bronx 56, New York

Inquiries about sleeping accommodations to:
Rhys Hays
430 W. 116th Street
New York 27, New York

WIENER TAKES SO. CAR. OPEN

M. Wiener of Washington, D. C. traveled to Columbia to take the South Carolina Open with 4½-½, drawing with runner-up R. Eastwood in semi-final round. Second to fourth on Solkoff points with equal 4-1 scores were R. Eastwood of Florida, A. Edelsburg of Columbia and former State Champion H. Mouzon of Charleston. Eastwood drew with Wiener and Mouzon, Edelsburg lost a game to R. Murphy, and Mouzon drew with Eastwood and T. E. Makens. The South Carolina title went to A. Edelsburg as ranking Carolinian with Mouzon as runner-up.

Twenty five players participated in the event which was quite representative of the South with players from Virginia, North Carolina, Florida, Mississippi and the District of Columbia in addition to the local state talent.

WASHINGTON TOPS PHILADELPHIA

In a return intercity match at Aberdeen, Md., the Washington team again topped Philadelphia, by 27½-17½ with the top board left to adjudication and thus retained the Turover Trophy. Washington proved particularly strong on top boards, gaining 7 points on the first ten boards, even with the Avram-Sobel game undecided at board one. Stark, Mugridge, Wiener, Hesse, Mott, and Scheffer of Washington downed respectively Gutekunst, Young, Sherr, Simsak, Mordell, and Brickman. Romanenko and Whitaker drew with Sklaroff and Nowakivsky. Only Campomanes on board nine bowed to Lubar of Philadelphia. For the remainder of the boards the victories were more evenly divided, but the top board margin in itself was sufficient.

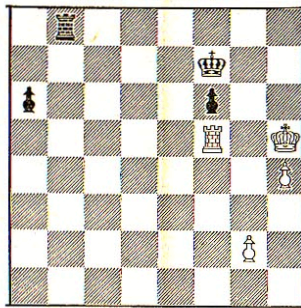
AVRAM VICTOR IN VIRGINIA

H. Avram won the Virginia State Open on S-B points with a 5½-1½ score, losing a game to C. B. Spencer and drawing with Wiener. M. Wiener, who placed second on S-B points with 5½-1½, lost no games but drew three games. C. B. Spencer was third with 5-2, losing one game to Chauvenet. Fourth and fifth on S-B points with 4½-2½ each in the 20 player Swiss were L. R. Chauvenet and A. Trahan, Jr.

NEWELL BANKS ROVING AGAIN

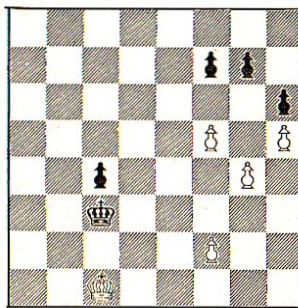
Most tireless among the performers in simultaneous exhibitions is Newell W. Banks of Detroit, who is ambidextrous, playing chess with one hand and checkers with the other. Returned recently from a tour of the West, Banks plans to depart Eastward through Pennsylvania, New York, and the New England states, touching on Canada in his return. The tour begins late in November, and interested clubs may contact Mr. Banks by writing him at 5076 Coplin Ave., Detroit 13, Mich.

Position No. 93
Nimzovitch vs. Tarrasch
San Sebastian, 1911



Black to play and win

Position No. 94
Ed. Lasker vs. Moll
1912



White to play and win

Finish It The Clever Way!

Conducted by Edmund Nash

Send all contributions for this column to Edmund Nash, 1530 28th Place, S.E., Washington 20, D. C.

THE two positions above are taken from the delightful "Fireside Book of Chess" by Irving Chernev and Fred Reinfeld. I am using this occasion to recommend this book as an ideal gift for the chessplayer, in case you are in doubt during the Christmas season, or subsequently. Here we see chess clearly as a cultural force producing wit, esthetic delight, and a certain nostalgic charm.

In Position No. 93, a four move combination decides. In the next position, White actually lost the game, but pointed out the win after the game was over.

For solutions please turn to Page two.

With The Chess Clubs

Lincoln (Neb.) Chess Club won its third straight intercity match (others were vs. Omaha 10-6 and Denver 7½-5½) by besting Wichita 8½-1½. Alexander Liepnieski of Lincoln drew with former Kansas Champion Jasper Stull on Bd. 1. Victor Pupils of Lincoln drew with John E. Brunet, and Robert Kalnins of Lincoln drew with John J. Albright. Lincoln victors were Joe Warner, Dr. Edgar Hinman, Julian Sobolevskis, Ernest Adminis, Peter Tumek, Jim Weber, and David Moorman.

The Orange (N. J.) Chess Club defeated Elizabeth Chess Club 4-3 with E. McCormick, Fenichell and Edison scoring for Orange and Wolfson tallying for Elizabeth A. Wilner and A. Brown of Orange drew against Ault and E. Haug. One game was adjourned.

The Orange (N.J.) Chess Club tallied a 5½-2½ victory over Plainfield with C. Parmelee, E. T. McCormick, A. Wilner, A. Brown and Kusnetskov scoring for Orange while Jackson and Dulicai salvaged points for Plainfield. Grodeck of Orange drew with Hauck.

Kansas University Chess Club met the Kansas City Chess Club in a 9 board match, scoring a 7½-1½ victory. KU winners were Jim Callis, Hugo Teufel, Don Johnson, Henry Georgi, Frank Tarr and Richard Brack, while Henry Horak, Leonard Brester and Edgar Marighugh drew.

Chess Club of the Oranges (N.J.) saw C. Parmelee capture the finals of the strong club championship 6-0, while Edgar T. McCormick placed second with 5-1 in a 7 player round robin which saw New Jersey State Champion E. Baker well down the list of also-rans.

Decatur (Ill.) Chess Club elected W. S. Jones president, David T. Mitchell vice-president, and Mrs. Turner Nearing secretary-treasurer. Mrs. Nearing (who shares chess and stamps as hobbies) is becoming quite famous in philatelic circles for her "Chess Stamp" collection, which has collected many blue ribbons.

Chicago City Chess League Social Section, where chess is played for fun rather than blood, is under way with teams from Cabrini Chess Club, Muntz TV Chess Club, Stag Chess Club and Hyde Park Social Team.

Alexandria (La.) Chess Club played a 6-6 draw with Natchitoches in a double-round event. Alexander scored the double victory for Alexandria while Watson and Williams tallied twice for Natchitoches. Parker and Headrick won and drew for Alexandria, while Calvert of Alexandria broke even with Kenner of Natchitoches. Fernbaugh and Duffly salvaged half-points for Natchitoches.

Queen City Chess Club (Buffalo) has inaugurated a 3 page bulletin, edited by James J. Barrett, with Carl Diesen for problems, N. Wilder for games, and Nick Di Paolo as printer of the monthly issues.

GUZE IS SPEEDY IN MONTREAL

Max Guze displayed speed in the Montreal Speed Championship, winning the event 7-1 in a strong field, drawing with J. N. Williams and E. Viire, a newcomer from Estonia. Second place went to A. Garelick on S-B with 6-2, while H. Lidsky was third, also with 6-2.

ARCHIPOFF TIES DR. WERTHAMMER

The annual Tri-State encounter between champions and runners-up in Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia this year ended in a tie between Ohio State Champion Tony Archipoff and West Virginia State Champion Dr. Siegfried Werthammer at 3½-1½ each. David Hamburger of Pittsburgh placed third with 3-2, while Pennsylvania State Champion D. McClellan and R. R. McCready of Cleveland shared fourth with 2½-2½.

In the 6 player round-robin at the Downtown Y Chess Club of Pittsburgh, Archipoff lost a game to Hamburger and drew with McClellan. Werthammer lost to Archipoff and drew with McCready.

The Junior Tri-State title went to Harold White of Avon Lake 6-0, while second place went to William Kiraly of Harrisburg. The new Junior Tri-State champion is son of Mrs. Willa White Owens, Ohio State Women's titlist.

In the Tri-State Open event which drew 32 players L. Lipking of Cleveland was first on S-B points with 4-1, drawing with S. Wachs and P. K. Dietz. Second and third on S-B, also with 4-1 scores, were R. Kause of Cleveland and P. Roth of Pittsburgh. Fourth to seventh on S-B with equal 3½-1½ scores were Saul Wachs, Mrs. S. R. Owens, P. L. Dietz, and D. Stauvers.

RUSSIANS LEAD WOMEN'S EVENT

At the twelfth round of the Women's World Championship Candidates' Tournament the Soviet players held grimly to the lead, headed by Mrs. Elizabeth Bykova, 9½-1½, and Mrs. Valentina Bielova, 9-2. A third Soviet player, Olga Ignatievna held third with 7½-2½.

Still in striking distance was Edith Keller of East Germany with 7-4, Fannie Heemskerk of Holland with 6½-2½, and Olga Rubtsova of the USSR with 6½-3½.

Standings at the end of 12 rounds, with several adjourned games, were:

Elizabeth Bykova (USSR)	9½-1½
Valentina Bielova (USSR)	9-2
Olga Ignatievna (USSR)	7½-2½
Edith Keller (East Germany)	7-4
Fannie Heemskerk (Holland)	6½-2½
Olga Rubtsova (USSR)	6½-3½
Eileen Tranmer (England)	6-4
Katrina Zvorkina (USSR)	6-4
Jozsa Langros (Hungary)	6-4
Chau de Silans (France)	5½-6½
N. May Karff (United States)	5-7
Nina Belisk (Czechoslovakia)	3½-8½
Rosanna Bruce (England)	3-9
Montero (Argentina)	3-9
Mary Bain (United States)	2½-9½
Salome Reischer (Austria)	1½-8½

Victor in the event will play a match with Ludmila Rudenko, titleholder, for the Woman's World Championship.

SANTASIERE PLANS EUROPEAN JAUNT

Volatile Tony Santasiere, chess player, painter, poet and musician, looks longingly to Italy in his plans for a European excursion on his sabbatical leave, beginning in February. The paint box will accompany the artist abroad, but Tony declares that art will be abandoned for chess (also an art in Tony's definition) whenever opportunity offers.

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The Press On Chess

READERS of Time Magazine were probably both surprised and gratified to discover in the October 20th issue a full page article about Samuel Reshevsky.

New York players were probably equally surprised, although possibly not altogether gratified, to read in the New York Times of November 2nd a commentary on the recent Interzonal Tournament at Salzburg entitled "Soviet Chess Feat."

The article on Reshevsky is not critical of chess conditions in the USA but contents itself with commenting on the fact that "the leading masters come from all walks of life and include a psychologist, a whole-sale meat merchant, a chemist, an editor, a college student, a pharmacist and a soldier" continuing with the reflection that "when the police pounced on Willie Sutton, (one of the ten most wanted men by the FBI) they found in his hideout a recently published book How To Think Ahead In Chess. In this way some 8,000,000 U.S. Chess players learned that bank robber Sutton was a member of their fraternity."

The item in the Times is not as complacent on the subject but rather scores the apathy of American players, stating flatly: "As for the United States, we can only recognize that the inadequacy of our representation in Sweden recently (we had only one entrant when entitled to two—Editor) was the direct reflection of the fact that the interest in chess is infinitesimal compared with its status in the Soviet Union . . . The United States will make a better showing in international chess when our citizens realize more fully the importance of such competition in the struggle for international prestige and goodwill now going on throughout the world."

When even the general press begins to recognize our short-comings, it becomes high time for American chess players to stir out of their complacent inertia. 8,000,000 players should be able to do something constructive for chess, if they will only awake to their responsibilities and opportunities. But chess needs united action, not the inept and indolent slogan of "let George do it" that has become traditional in American chess circles.

Montgomery Major

The Reader's Road To Chess

By Kester Svendsen

THE MIDDLE GAME IN CHESS. By Dr. Reuben Fine. New York: David McKay, vi. 442 pp.; 378 diag. \$7.50.

OWNERS of PCO and Basic Chess Endings may now step up and cough up. Seven-fifty is a stiff price for any book short of the unabridged dictionary, but the reviewer cannot imagine a serious chess-player by-passing this third element in a trilogy from one of the great chess minds of our time. The middle game cannot be so exquisitely codified as the endings, but the same hand at work in the earlier books appears here in the effort to standardize modes of analysis. There are 14 chapters, including 36 complete games and hundreds of positions. In addition to the 378 regular diagrams are the many fragments illustrating model situations.

Dr. Fine begins by pointing out that, in distinction to what may be done with theory in the openings and precise calculation in the endings, the approach to the middle game must be "through the analysis of positions as they occur." He describes and illustrates the elements of combinations, the mating attack, the combinative art. Then comes a breather in theory, consolidating the preceding examples: how to analyze a position. Next, how to proceed with a material advantage in the middle game and how to compensate for disadvantage. The chapters on superior pawn structures and superior mobility offer opportunity for the kind of breakdown learners like to see: double pawns, the minority attack, the open file, weak squares, the bad bishop. Others on attack and defense, on equal positions, on continuing the opening and on entering the end-game complete the text, which is rounded off by the usual and most welcome indexes.

The book demonstrates what its author asserts on the first page: "In the middle game our main concern must be with the ideas that are used to understand what goes on." His formula of questions in chapter five for analyzing a position becomes the framework for this kind of thinking.

In a given position we must ask about material, pawn formation, mobility, king safety, and threats or combinations. The rest of the book implements these questions in setting after setting, the great majority from actual games, some of them well-worn by now but still instructive. Underlying the whole book is the admitted truth of Teichman's (?) remark that chess is 99 per cent tactics. The several examples of Dr. Fine's own play interspersed here (losses as well as wins) will be especially welcome to admirers of his style. The price is very nearly prohibitive and without, it seems to this reviewer, much necessity; other chess books of about the same number of pages and diagrams are cheaper. A good book, even a great book, can be priced out of business. But those who do buy will not be disappointed in the contents, for with this Dr. Fine rounds out a most admirable survey of the game. He now has books on the fundamentals, the openings, the middle game, the ending; he has published collections and treasuries. The only omission in Grandmaster Fine's complete course at chess is a definitive edition of his own games, which the reviewer hopes is his next project.

Mate The Subtle Way!

by Vincent L. Eaton

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Contemporary American Composers—3

BURNEY M. MARSHALL

BORN on August 9, 1886, Burney M. Marshall, of Shreveport, La., began composing when he was eleven years old and has published about seven hundred problems. Throughout his life he has been a two-mover specialist, stressing clear-cut strategy with attractive mates and pointed keys. Nos. 379-81 are samples of some of his best work.

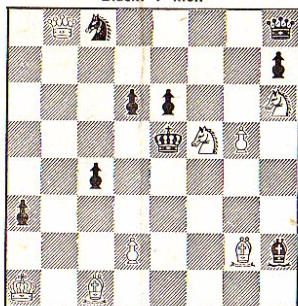
By profession Marshall has been a telegraph operator for the Kansas City Railway Company most of his life. Quoting from Alain White's description of him in *A Sketchbook of American Chess Problemists* (Stamford, Conn., 1942): "His job is to receive and deliver orders affecting the movements of trains, 'once a fascinating occupation,' he explains, 'but now reduced to mere routine by the devices of a machine age.' His hobbies, other than chess, are the movies and the radio. One can imagine what the coming of the radio must have meant to this telegraph-minded enthusiast. When the Westinghouse Electric Company put out their first 'peanut' sets in 1921, Marshall was swept off his feet by the new invention and for ten years he could think of nothing else in his leisure time except trying to keep up with every new development in the industry. Then in the depression he took up composition again . . . and the Marshall chess problem fans were delighted by his new and improved vintage of problems."

Marshall is a collector of problems and of problem lore as well, and furnished much of the background material that Alain White used in the *Sketchbook*.

Problem No. 379

By Burney M. Marshall
"British Chess Magazine,"
1918

Black: 9 men

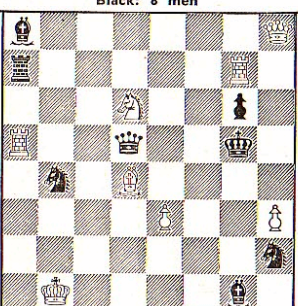


White: 8 men
1Qs4q, 7p, 3pp2s, 4kSP1, 2p5, p7,
3p2Bb, K1B5
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 381

By Burney M. Marshall
"Atlanta Journal,"
1937

Black: 8 men

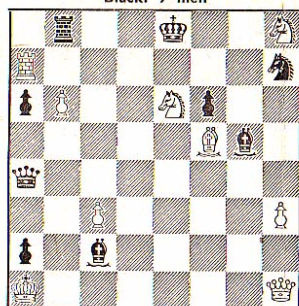


White: 8 men
b6Q, r5R1, 3S2p1, R2Q2k1, 1s1B4,
4P2P, 7s, 1K4b1
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 380

By Burney M. Marshall
"American Chess Bulletin,"
1918

Black: 9 men

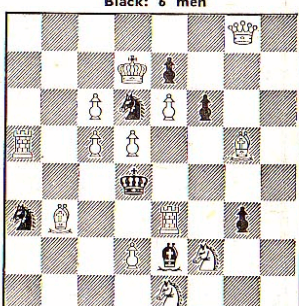


White: 9 men
1r2k2S, R6s, pP2Sp2, 5Bb1, q7, 2P4P,
p1b, K6Q
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 382

By Z. M. Burnov
"Trud,"
1950

Black: 6 men



White: 13 men
6Q1, 3Kp3, 2P2P2, R1P2B1, 3k4,
sB2R1p1, 3PbS2, 4S3
White mates in three moves

For solutions to previously published problems, please turn to page four.

Chess Paradox

Reti studies mathematics although he is not a dry mathematician; represents Vienna without being Viennese; was born in old Hungary yet he does not know Hungarian; speaks uncommonly rapidly only in order to act all the more maturely and deliberately; and will yet become the best chessplayer without, however, becoming world champion.

SAVIELLY TARTAKOVER: Die Hypermoderne Schachpartie

Chess Life In New York

By Eliot Hearst

THE usual period of chess inactivity between the conclusion of the summer tournament schedule and the initiation of the metropolitan clubs' fall tournaments has ended and once again chess life in New York is building up momentum. One major club championship has already begun, with the other top contest set to start in a few weeks; there are numerous smaller club competitions under way and other secondary (only because the regular championship is held concurrently) events on tap at the two major clubs themselves.

The Manhattan C. C.'s "new administration" under secretary Hans Knoch has not only scheduled a sixteen-man club championship, but title events for B and C players as well — the first time in many years that powerful club has set up competition for its lesser luminaries; previously the Marshall C. C. was the only major club in town where the average player could get a chance to compete with his peers in serious contests. The opportunities now often speak well for the development of more experts in the future of New York chess!

Last year's club titlist George Kramer, who was inducted into the armed forces during the summer, will of course be unable to defend, as is similarly the case with the previous year's runner-up, Donald Byrne, who is continuing his studies at Michigan University. But it is expected that Arnold Denker, Max Pavey, Sidney Bernstein, Jack Moscovitz, Abe Turner, Albert Pinkus, Jack Soudakoff, and Joseph Pilnick will enter and these names, plus whatever other fine players the Manhattan Club will seed into the finals or qualify from preliminary groups, make it quite a formidable tournament. More about the competitors and their respective chances for the title shortly.

The Marshall C. C. tourney, embracing sixteen competitors also, is now two rounds old with A. E. Santasiere leading the way as a result of two straight victories, although his third round game with Carl Pilnick (played ahead of schedule) is considered hopeless at the adjournment. Pilnick, Jim Sherwin, and Edmar Mednis are in the group with 1-0 scores, while A. Kaufman and P. Brandts have totals of 1½-½. Obviously there are no indications as yet of the eventual winner and such players as J. Collins, J. F. Donovan, and F. Howard, previous prize-winners off to bad starts, may assert themselves shortly.

IN BRIEF: Carmine Nigro, 4-0, leads the Brooklyn C. C.'s annual championship . . . A Marshall "B" team defeated a Bronx-Westchester aggregation, 8-4. . . . Accompanying the popular Russian motion picture "The Grand Concert" at N. Y.'s Stanley Theater was a Soviet newsreel which included shots of the recent Budapest tourney in which world champ Botvinnik participated. Incidentally, are those rumors about the Russian star's health true? . . . It's been noted that it's the first time in a long time that both the metropolitan major club titlists are unable to defend their titles this year — George Kramer of Manhattan and E. Hearst of Marshall. . . . Marshall C. C. Consolation Tourney, the winner of which gets seeded into next year's regular championship, and the annual club Junior tourney are under way.

Solutions:—

Finish It The Clever Way!

Position No. 93: 1. R-K4!; 2. K-K4, R-K3; 3. K-KR, P-R4; 4. K-K4, P-B4 ch! and wins.
Position No. 94: 1. P-B6!, PxP; 2. P-B4, K-Q5; 3. P-K15!, BPxP; 4. PxP, K-B3; 5. K-B2!, P-B6; 7. KxP and wins, as Black is in zugzwang.

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USSR TALLIES VICTORY

ZEMGALIS TOPS IN WASHINGTON

Elmars Zemgalis, Latvian master who recently bested Ulvestad in a match, continued on his winning way, taking the Washington State title 9-0 in the annual round-robin event at Seattle. Second place went to former State Champion Leonard Sheets with 6½-2½, while former Arizona champion O. W. Manney placed third with 6-3. Sheets lost to Zemgalis and Russ Vellias while drawing with Manney. Manney lost to Zemgalis and drew with Sheets, Charles Ballantine, Russ Vellias, and Jack Nourse.

Ballantine, also a former State Champion placed fourth with 5-4, while Dan Wade and Russ Vellias tied for fifth with 4½-4½ in the 10 player event at the Seattle Chess Club.

NEFF TRIUMPHS IN UTAH OPEN

Phil Neff, formerly of Salt Lake City and now of Las Vegas, won the Utah Open Championship at Salt Lake City, 6-1 in a 14 player Swiss. Second place went to William Tabor of Reno with 5-2-7 tied to fifth on S-B point with equal 4½-2½ scores were William Benedetti of Las Vegas, Irvin W. Taylor of Salt Lake City, and Farrell L. Clark of Salt Lake City. LaVerl Kimpton of Twin Falls and Ted Patheakis of Salt Lake scored 4-3 each.

Taylor, as ranking Utah player, won the Utah State Championship. It was his first State title although he has been Salt Lake City Champion several times. It was a very representative event with strong players from Nevada and Idaho participating.

BAKER CAPTURES NEW JERSEY OPEN

Dr. E. S. Baker, with 5½-1½, took the New Jersey State title, drawing with Ralph Hurltlen, Dick Haefner, and runner-up Franklin Howard. Second to fifth on S-B with 5-2 each were Howard, Saul Yarmak, E. T. McCormick, and I. Romanenko in the 32 player event at Orange.

EDITOR SIGNS NEW CONTRACT

It is announced by Mr. A. Wyatt Jones, chairman of the Promotional Plan Committee of the U. S. Chess Federation, that in accordance with the special Board of Directors' resolutions (balloted by mail recently) the Promotional Plan Committee has signed a five-year contract with Montgomery Major as Editor of CHESS LIFE and reaffirmed the contract already signed with Kenneth Harkness as USCF Business Manager.

The implementing of these two contracts removes the final barriers to the development of the Promotional Plan adopted at the Tampa Board Meetings and clears the way for immediate action in the adoption of numerous proposals under consideration to further the development of the Federation and the improvement of its services to the individual members.

Mr. Harkness, whose activities had been hampered by some ambiguity regarding the validity of his contract, is now enabled to set the stage for various beneficial improvements in the services of the Federation as well as in its overall promotional program. It is expected that Mr. Harkness will outline his program in terms of its immediate meaning to the membership in CHESS LIFE in the near future.

Mr. Major, whose resignation as Editor of CHESS LIFE was rejected by the Board of Directors at Tampa, under the terms of the new contract now signed will remain in charge of CHESS LIFE for an additional five years. Plans developed by Mr. Major, in cooperation with the Promotional Plan Committee and Business Manager Kenneth Harkness, for improvements in CHESS LIFE as the official publication of the Federation will be made public in the near future.

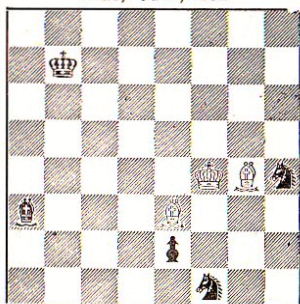
It is emphasized by the Promotional Plan Committee, consisting of Chairman A. Wyatt Jones, Frank R. Graves, William M. Byland, Edgar T. McCormick, and Herman Steiner, that no organization can remain static and continue in a healthy stage. Therefore, change is not only necessary to the Federation, but would be desirable even if not essential to its well-being. The Committee has expressed the hope that the membership at large will approve of these changes as enthusiastically as the Board of Directors at Tampa.

ROTH CAPTURES PITT CITY TITLE

Paul Roth, who placed third in recent Ohio Valley Open (Tri-State), won the Pittsburgh Metropolitan Championship 6-1, drawing with runners-up David Hamburger and Alex Spitzer. Hamburger, who placed second in the Pennsylvania Championship, was second with 5-2, losing to W. E. Buker and drawing with Roth and Spitzer. Alex Spitzer was third with 4½-2½, drawing with Roth, Hamburger, William Byland, David Spiro and E. A. Coons.

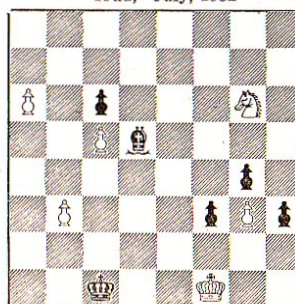
Fourth to seventh on Solkoff points with equal 4-3 scores were William Byland, David Spiro, Don McClellan, and W. E. Buker.

Position No. 205
By Z. Birnov
"Trud," June, 1952



White to play and draw

Position No. 206
By A. Troitsky
"Trud," July, 1952



White to play and draw

White To Play And Win!

Conducted by William Rojram

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FOR variety, our positions this issue are both examples of White drawing against odds, and both come from the Soviet trade paper "Trud," although the Troitsky is, of course, a reprint from the famous endgame master's works.

In both positions, Black's threat to queen a Pawn dominates the opening strategy, but thereafter the delicate maneuvering has very different objectives.

For solutions, please turn to Page four.

Last Round

By DR. KESTER SVENDSEN
University of Oklahoma

(In reprinting this classic chess story, which is considered one of the finest examples of chess fiction ever written by such competent critics as Fred Reinfield and C. J. S. Purdy, we hope to give it wider audience among those who have not read it in Chess World or in The Treasury of Chess Lore. Dr. Kester Svendsen, our most capable book reviewer and author of a famous bibliography "Chess Fiction in English to 1945," is not exclusively a chess fan. In moments away from the chess board, he is recognized for his work in English Literature; and is at present engaged in intensive research upon the life and works of Milton. We republish this story by the kind permission of Chess World and the author.—The Editor.)

THE Old Master looked down at the board and chessmen again, although he had seen their stiff pattern times out of mind. While the tournament director was speaking he could wait. And as he waited the old questions rose once more in his mind. Could this be it, the perfect game, the thing of beauty, the work of art? Could there come out of this tension of minds, this conflict of wits, anything more than victory and defeat? This unknowing search for secret beauty! What was the perfect game of chess? Was Capablanca right? Was it a draw, with the board exhausted of pieces? Was it a smashing victory? Was it a thing of small advantages multiplied into attrition?

The director's voice seeped into his reverie.

"Final round . . . Rolavsky the Russian champion leading with seven points . . . draws against Henderson and Zettler . . . then six straight wins."

The thought of a perfect game faded. Win? Could he even draw? Could he hold off the faultless Rolavsky, whose countrymen had for years pooled their incredibly patient testing of every defence to the Queen's Gambit and the Ruy Lopez?

"His opponent half a point behind . . . no one else close enough."

The old Master looked up at the other playing areas roped off in the centre of the ballroom. Epstein and Creech, poised, repeating a tableau older than memory. Bathe-lor, bushy-haired and nervous, glancing at tiny Zeitlin, prepared to play as if the title were balanced. The others farther away, still figures drawn sharply together over the subtlest challenge in their lives. The huge demonstration boards against the wall, runners and movers waiting to record the play in each game. The crowd, impatient for the director to finish and for this game to begin.

(Please turn to page 3, col. 1)

BYKOVA TAKES WOMEN'S EVENT

Madame Elizabeth Bykova, Soviet Women's Champion in 1947, 1948, and 1950, won the Women's World Championship Candidates' Tourney at Moscow and the right to play a match with World Women's Champion Rudenko for the title. Mme. Bykova scored 11½-3½, losing to Miss Eileen Trammer of England in the final round.

Second on S-B points with 10½-4½ was Miss Fannie Heemskerk of Holland who staged a magnificent rally in the final third of the tournament, although confined at times to bed by illness, Miss Heemskerk scored a brilliant final round victory over Miss Mona Karff, but lost an adjourned game against Miss Katrine Zvorkina. Had she won the latter, she would have tied for first place. Miss Heemskerk scored individual victories over Mme. Bykova and Olga Ignatievne, who placed third, also with 10½-4½.

Tied for fourth with equal 10-5 scores were Valentina Bielova, Edith Keller and Katrine Zvorkina, while Eileen Trammer placed seventh with 9-6. One adjourned game between Josza Langos and Salome Reischer cannot alter the standings.

WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP CANDIDATES TOURNAMENT

1. Elizabeth Bykova (USSR)	11½-3½
2. Fannie Heemskerk (Holland)	10½-4½
3. Olga Ignatievna (USSR)	10-5
4. Valentina Bielova (USSR)	10-5
5. Edith Keller (East Germany)	10-5
6. Katrine Zvorkina (USSR)	10-5
7. Eileen Trammer (England)	9-6
8. Olga Rubtsova (USSA)	8-7
9. Claude de Silans (France)	8-7
10. Josza Langos (Hungary)	8-7
11. Mona Karff (USA)	7-8
12. Nina Bolska (Czechoslovakia)	5-10
13. Rowena Bruce (England)	4½-10½
14. Mary Bain (USA)	3½-11½
15. de Montero (Argentina)	3-12
16. Salome Reischer (Austria)	1½-13½

HAYES TRIUMPHS IN SASKATCHEWAN

Rea B. Hayes of Regina scored a 4-0 victory in the finals of the Saskatchewan Provincial Championship at Saskatoon. Jim Eadie of Regina, Gerald Fielding of Saskatoon, and Eric Hoehn of Meacham tied at 2-2 each. Two contestants qualified in the Northern and two in the Southern prelims, while Fielding participated as defending champion.

NEW BULLETIN BY D.C. LEAGUE

Latest addition to local chess publications is the District of Columbia Chess Bulletin, which will be published periodically, beginning in November. Exchanges with other club and regional chess bulletins will be welcomed. Write Circulation Manager Russell Chauvenet, 721 Gist Ave., Silver Spring, Md.

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The Color Of Chess

A noir, E blanc, I rouge, U vert, O bleu, voyelles,
Je dirai quelque jour vos naissances latentes.

—ARTHUR RIMBAUD

ONE may not agree with le poet savage that vowels have color; one may deny that A is black and U is green, as many did in Paris when the Sonnet on the Vowels smote their startled eyes. But no one can deny that there is color in chess—an indefinable tint of beauty that even Rimbaud could not have captured in his verses.

Yet poets have sung of chess from Firdusi and Omar through Chaucer and Middleton to the modern voice of Alfred Kreymborg. It has colored the pages of history from Timerlane, playing in his imperturbable calm outside his tent at Angora while awaiting the onset of Bayazid the Thunderer, to captive Inca caciue Atahualpa, beguiling his hours at Panama with the officers of Pizarro.

It has tinged the sister arts of literature and painting, for artists have portrayed the chess game on canvas in imperishable hues, while one must be indeed illiterate not to have encountered chess within the pages of some book—from the solemn morality of Friar Jacobus de Cessolis through the whimsical fantasy of Lord Dunsany's Three Sailors' Gambit to the intense drama of Dr. Svendsen's Last Round. It is not altogether chance that Thomas Middleton veiled his Elizabethan satire in a game of chess (although it did not save the playwright from gaol), nor that the hardboiled Philip Marlowe of Raymond Chandler's whodunits consciously turns to chess between corpses.

It has tinged architecture with its hue—cities planned like the chess board dot the pages of early Persian chronicle. Even as exotic an art as heraldry recognizes its charm, for at least two coats of arms in Burke's Peerage display a chess rook (as distinct from a turret) on their shields.

Lastly, the more recent art of Philatelic Themes has taken cognizance of the color of chess. From postage stamps with chess designs the stamp collector has progressed to the development of related material to supplement the chess stamps, spreading indeed the history of chess across the display of chess stamps and postmarks.

Thus the Book of Eighteenth American Philatelic Congress (held at Washington, D. C.) contains a comprehensive story of chess, copiously illustrated with map, photos and drawings—the work of USCF Life Member Pauline Nearing, whose devotion to Chess is only equalled by her devotion to Philately.

It is only music that denies that chess has color. Cannot some new and younger Copeland give us the Meditations of a Chess Player? Or some more melodious Strauss the Adventures of Till Chessmaster?

For Chess has color, and color is life.

Montgomery Major

The Reader's Road To Chess

By Kester Svendsen

HOLLYWOOD INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT 1952. Published by the California Chess Reporter. Editor: Dr. J. H. Ralston, 184 Edgewood Avenue, San Francisco 17, Calif. Photo-offset, 62 pp., numerous diag. \$1.

THIS is the handsomest dollar's worth in current tournament books. Photolithograph and photo-offset processes should soon supersede the old mimeograph method, which at its best was none too good. These 45 games, played April-May of this year, are presented in sharp, clear typing on good paper, with plenty of space, professional diagrams, and some excellent photographs by Nancy Roos. Many of the annotations are by the contestants, who were Gligoric (winner), Pomar, Steiner, Dake, Joyner, Cross, Kashdan, Pafnutieff, Martin, and Sonja Graf Stevenson. The reviewer urges editors of similar events to correspond with Dr. Ralston to learn how a book of this quality can be produced to sell for one dollar.

The games are instructive and interesting. Gligoric and Pomar went through without loss, Pomar yielding the extra draw. James Cross was unlucky. He sprang the Sandrin system on Gligoric, won a pawn, but lost his advantage in time pressure and drew; he had a won game against Pomar when his flag fell. Kashdan played under difficulties, including lack of recent tournament practice. All in all, it was a respectable tournament, not so powerful or glamorous perhaps as Hollywood

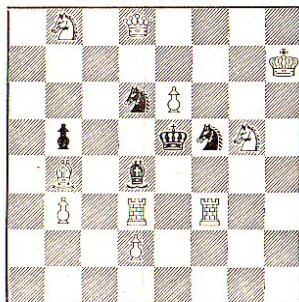
Pan-American of 1946, but excellent in its kind; and the book of it is a worthy addition to the several fine ones produced recently in America.

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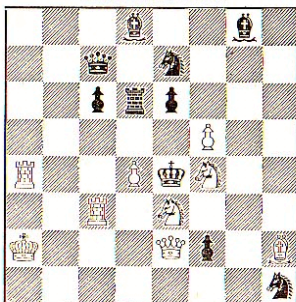
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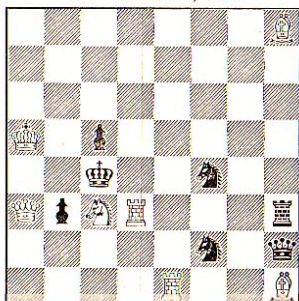
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 384
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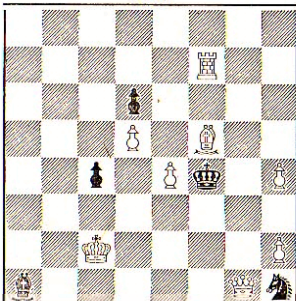
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 385
By J. A. W. Swane
1st Prize, "Magasinet"
1st Half Year, 1952



White mates in two moves

Problem No. 386
By Dr. E. Palkoska
2nd Prize, USSR Tourney
1950



White mates in three moves

The Kibitzer Has His Day

From the Editor's Mail Bag

Bisno Views World Title Plan

(USCF Delegate to the FIDE Assembly at Stockholm expresses his personal opinion of the World Championship Candidates' Tournament and advances the claims of Samuel Reshevsky for a title match—The Editor.)

Dear Mr. Major:

The proper way to determine a world champion of anything is for the different countries to have their own tournaments and then produce their best man, and then the nations compete, each with its best man, and the winner is the world champion. Under present arrangements it is almost impossible for anyone but a Russian to become the world champion, even if he is, in fact, a world champion and could individually defeat any other man in the world.

Under present arrangements there is a big premium put upon countries with large populations that have a lot of chess players as against smaller countries with smaller populations and less chess players. Why, for example, should a man in Australia, which is comparatively a small country, have to go down the line and defeat all the great players in Russia before he can play for the world championship? The players in Russia would not have to defeat a long line of players in Australia, because they haven't got them.

In the present case, it is my position that the United States has a man, Samuel Reshevsky, who could individually defeat any man in Russia or anywhere else in a match, and if given equal opportunity could become the world champion. But, I don't say that Reshevsky is so much better than all the other Grand Masters in Russia that in a tournament like the Candidates' Tournament, which will be played sometime in 1953, Reshevsky could beat all of the Grand Masters in Russia in a particular tournament. In other words, according to the

present rules, the Candidates' Tournament will contain about 9 Russian players, probably all Grand Masters, and 3 outsiders, namely, Dr. Euwe, Miguel Najdorf and Samuel Reshevsky. We know from previous experience, and we know from what was done at the just completed Interzonal Tournament in Saltsjobaden that the Russians play easily among themselves and hard among all outsiders. If you check the records, you will find that at Saltsjobaden all the Russians drew with each other in short, weakly contested games, where there was practically no fight.

Could we expect Reshevsky, even if he were world champion, to defeat, in a single tournament, 9 Russian Grand Masters, all of whom would play terrifically hard against him and easily against each other.

From every standpoint, the arrangement is unfair and inequitable, and I shall not blame Reshevsky at all if he refuses to compete in the Candidates' Tournament.

ALEXANDER BISNO,
Beverly Hills, Calif.

Chess Devotion

It is said that, as his circumstances would not allow him to buy the German Handbuch, he borrowed it from a schoolfellow and copied it out by hand!

P. W. SERGEANT—Charousek's Games of Chess

Chess Life In New York

By Eliot Hearst

WITH all the chess action now taking place at the various metropolitan clubs and in the several competitive leagues it is easy to overlook the activity in another sector of participation—the annual college and public school contests now getting under way. But surely such activity should not be merely mentioned en passant, for many of those younger players now competing in high school or college will be the chess stars of the future. So a few comments on the competition in and among our educational institutions. . . .

The N. Y. Interscholastic Championship, under the direction of chess master Milton Hanauer, has attracted eighteen competitors for the city's high schools and the ten-round Swiss, now two rounds completed, finds Edmar Mednis of Stuyvesant High tied with Harold Feldheim of Brooklyn for the lead with 2-0. Mednis is of course an overwhelming favorite to win the tourney, a judgment based on his past showings and experience gained in two U. S. Opens and two Marshall Championships, but Feldheim, a top Marshall C. C. Jr. player and Paul Monsky, another Brooklyn junior expert, are expected to provide strong competition.

The U. S. Intercollegiate Team Championship, to be held at Columbia Dec. 26-30, is the main event of the year, but the college season will begin before then with contests already scheduled between CCNY and NYU, NYU and Columbia, and Columbia and Cooper Union. The results of these struggles should help in the prediction of a winner in the national tournament, as Columbia, CCNY, and NYU are expected to field the best teams; these three metropolitan aggregations finished in the above order in the last championship two years ago.

A new "junior master" seems to have made his mark, judging from the early rounds of the Marshall Junior Tourney. He is fifteen-year-old William Lombardi, a new member of the club, whose 4-0 total in that tourney includes victories over last year's runner-up, Anthony Saidy, and the summer junior tourney winner, Arthur Feuerstein. Lombardi, it is related, had accumulated 10 wins and 3 draws out of thirteen games in a strong Marshall Rapid Transit recently when he had to leave for home — his curfew hour arrived before the completion of all his games!

IN BRIEF: Marshall C. C. Annual Business Meeting found C. Lansing Hays, M. Hanauer, L. Persinger, S. Olsen, and Dr. F. Hiller elected as its five new governors, this quintet includes a lawyer, a school principal, a musician, a police detective, and a dentist — quite a representation! Dr. E. Lasker, club president, spoke highly of the interest among the club's 259 members, but deplored the lack of adequate funds to make possible more master tournaments here. He also announced his forthcoming participation in the Hasting Xmas tourney in England . . . Marshall C. C. Championship leaders are Pilnick (4-0), Collins and Santasiere (4-1), Howard (3½-1½), and Mednis (3-1). The Manhattan C. C. title tourney starts shortly. . . . C. F. Tears of Dallas returned to his old haunt, the Marshall C. C. one Sunday recently for a friendly visit. The CCLA correspondence champ mentioned his excitement over playing Board One for the U. S. postal team, now contesting international matches. . . . Chess students of I. A. Horowitz at the New School defeated the pupils of NYU's Fred Reinfeld by a score of 3-2. What this proves we don't know! . . . The London Terrace C. C. Championship began Nov. 12 with a large entry.

Say You Saw It in CHESS LIFE

Bitzer Lake! The Old Master looked at the board again and wondered how he should open this time. Queen's Gambit?

"Like his countryman, Frank Marshall, he has never played to the score, but has always sought to make each game a work of art."

A Lopez? Had Rolavsky been saving a defence for that ever since that savage encounter at Bitzer Lake? Could he meet it cold as Capablanca did Marshall's at New York and smash it? What to play? King pawn or queen pawn?

The voice stopped. The director was at this table, starting his clock. Two hours for thirty moves. The photographers near his table poised themselves as he moved his arm. He lifted his eyes to Rolavsky's face and saw etched in it the sharp memory of that defeat at Bitzer Lake.

Suddenly he felt tired, remembering the dilemma in which he had spent himself so many times in fifty years. Play for a win or play for perfection? There rose against him the ghosts of a hundred games and a dozen tournaments lost because he could never decide which he wanted. The clock at his elbow ticked insistently. King pawn or queen pawn? And, as ever, in a corner of his mind, the same old question. Could this be it, the work of art? He thought of Count Kieseritzky, remembered only as the loser of that ever-famous partie to Anderssen.

Rolavsky twisted a little, and somewhere out of the thousands of games and hundreds of players in the old man's memory there stirred a spark. The immortal Lasker playing his fourth move at St. Petersburg. Bishop takes knight, most drawish of all the variations in the Lopez and there was Lasker needing a win but playing bishop takes knight against Capablanca. Psychological chess. Capablanca sweating away at the thought of a new wrinkle. Lasker sitting like a stone. Rolavsky twitched again and suddenly the Old Master wasn't any more. Conviction freshened him like wine. He felt again as at every game, before the first move. He smiled at Rolavsky—and moved his pawn to king four. Photographers' flashes sprang at him. The audience riffled forward as Rolavsky duplicated the move. With no hesitation, the Old Master moved his queen pawn beside his king pawn and listened for the buss from the spectators.

"Centre Game! . . . is he playing the Centre Game? . . . Misses used to try it . . . but the queen moves too soon . . . hasn't been played in a tournament since Tartakover tried it at Stockholm against Reshevsky . . . is he crazy? Rolavsky will smash it to bits."

There was no good way to decline the capture even if Rolavsky had wanted to, but the younger man seemed a little slow as he took the pawn. The old man caught his eye again, smiled again, pushed his queen's bishop's pawn forward a square, then leaned back and waited for the avalanche.

It came with a rush, as of collapse at a distance. Rolavsky himself half rose from his chair.

"Danish Gambit? . . . Danish Gambit! . . . two pawns . . . who can give Rolavsky two pawns, development or no development? . . . what does he think this is, a skittles game? . . . Danish . . . not in a tournament since Marshall drew one with Capa twenty years ago."

Rolavsky stared across the board, tight-lipped in contempt. Then he took the second pawn.

For a moment the old man's mind drifted back to other ballrooms and hotels, the Crystal Palace, chop houses and concessions, the thousand places where he had paused before a board and moved a pawn or knight. The simultaneous play where he walked forever within a horseshoe of tables—fifteen, fifty, a hundred sometimes—moving a piece or being waved by, ever returning and ever wondering with each move if somewhere, in some single play, even on a greasy board with clumsy pieces, he might pluck the sec-

ret. The thick smoke, the bad food, the hours of walking, the stale people behind the tables straining for a win or a draw against the master and playing on even though a queen or a couple of pieces down. He remembered too the glittering tournaments at Margate, Hastings, San Remo, Monte Carlo, with jeweled women and royalty looking over his shoulder. He lived again that moment at Breslau when Marshall plunged his queen into a nest of Lewitzky's pawns, and the spectators, caught up in the excitement of the most elegant move ever made, showered the table with gold pieces. Slowly he forced these memories from his mind and, as he looked out over the spectators, moved his bishop to queen bishop four.

The crowd stirred uneasily, waiting for Rolavsky to take the third pawn and then hang on through the attack. The Old Master wondered a little too. Rolavsky always took the pawn in the Queen's Gambit, probably because it wasn't a gambit at all. In the Danish he had to take the first and could take the second, according to the books. Schlechter and Burn had always taken the third too. But how lately had Rolavsky played a Danish? He was taking too long, that young wizard. Now it came: knight to king bishop three. Development. Playing safe. The old man advanced his knight to king bishop three and tapped the clock, as after every move.

Rolavsky studied the board a long time. Again the spectators shifted about. A few moves more, thought the Old Master, and he would know whether to hope for a draw or a win. With an edge of sudden fear he remembered that Tcheigorin had once lost a game in eight moves, Alapin in five. He jerked his mind about and worried the chessmen as they waited for his turn. But Rolavsky was plainly hesitating now, as if trying to recall the best line. Surely the pawn was not poisoned. Yet, one piece out to White's two. Even before Rolavsky's fingers touched the bishop, the Old Master moved it mentally to bishop four. There is rested, and a surge of power flowed into his mind. His replay was obvious, but he lingered over it a while, probing with his imagination the mind of his antagonist, that mind crammed with encyclopedic knowledge of standard openings, hundreds of variations in the Queen's Pawn. Was it shaken a little now, that fine machine? The crowd seemed to think so. A half caught whisper:

"Why didn't he take the pawn? . . . why not?"

Why not? Was Rolavsky thinking of Bitzer Lake and the thrust of rage with which he had swept the pieces to the floor at the fifteenth move? Now the Old Master lifted his knight and removed the Black pawn at bishop three. Rolavsky moved pawn to queen three; and as the old man castled, it was obvious that White had ample compensation for the pawn sacrificed. Again the muttering.

"Seven moves and Rolavsky on the defensive . . . unheard of . . . a Danish Gambit!"

After long thought the Russian castled, and now the Old Master felt himself moving into that strange trance of chess intuition. Attack. Tempt a weakness. A combination, with the pieces piling up at one spot, cleansing the board of each other's presence. Lines of play ran through his head. The pieces on the board swirled into patterns, blended, and stiffened into place eight or ten moves on. Tempt a weakness. But would Rolavsky move his pawn? His whole queen's side undeveloped? Rolavsky, the arch apostle of development? The Old Master put his hand to the King's Knight and a small sigh went up from the spectators.

"One move . . . a single tempo . . . and Rolavsky's even . . . why didn't he pin the knight?"

(Concluded in the next issue.)

Chess For The Tired Business Man

By Fred Reinfeld

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CHALLENGE TO CHESS PLAYERS

IN RECENT YEARS we have had a great many fine books on chess, dealing with almost every conceivable aspect of the game. Yet these books have neglected what is after all the primary object of a game of chess: the actual process of checkmating your opponent's King. The purpose of this book is to instruct you, the reader, in all the many ways of achieving checkmate.

Diagram 197
White moves
SKLAROFF

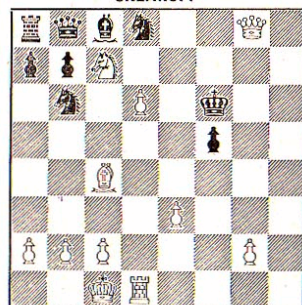
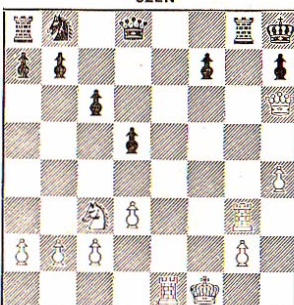


Diagram 198
White moves
SZEN



DRASIN
Philadelphia, 1935

HARRWITZ
London, 1851

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For The Tournament-Minded

December 26-28

Illinois Open Tournament Decatur, Ill.

In Pastel Room of Hotel Orlando; 6 round Swiss; entry fee \$5.00 (all entry fees used as prize money); 1st prize guarantee \$75.00; authorized by ISCA; entry closes Friday 7:45 p.m. Dec. 26; for information write: Mr. or Mrs. C. Turner Nearing, 1400 W. Macon St., Decatur, Ill. Bring chess sets and chess clocks. Defending Champion Pocilas Tautvaisas.

December 26-28

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December 26-28

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SOUTH CAROLINA OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Columbia, 1952

1. M. Wiener (Washington, D.C.)W13	W9	W5	D2	W7	43-3	15.50																				
2. R. Eastwood (Fla.)W18	W17	W8	D1	D4	4-1	15.50																				
3. A. Edelsberg (Columbia, S.C.)W15	L7	W19	W14	W9	4-1	12.00																				
4. H. Mouzon (Charleston, S.C.)W25	D14	W17	W7	D2	4-1	11.00																				
5. D. Kahn (No. Car.)W19	W20	L1	W13	D6	3-1 1/2	14.00																				
6. Dr. G. W. Smith (Columbia, S.C.)bye	W10	L7	W8	D5	3-1 1/2	12.00																				
7. Murphy (Miami, Fla.)W22	W3	W6	L4	L1	3-2	17.00																				
8. Prof. L. F. Foster (Columbia, S.C.)W16	W11	L2	W6	W14	3-2	14.50																				
9. J. W. Cabaniss (Charleston, S.C.)W23	L1	W21	W16	L3	3-2	12.50																				
10. Dr. A. Ashbrook (Charlotte, N.C.)W12	L6	L16	W20	W15	3-2	12.00																				
11. C. Wingard (Miss.)W24	L8	D13	D15	W16	3-2	9.00																				
12. B. Stern (Columbia, S.C.)L10	L13	D18	W24	W23	2-2 1/2	9.00																				
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Dr. McKnight withdrew after 1st round and R. H. Fox after 4th round because of illness. Soloff points used.																											

LAKE ERIE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Buffalo, 1952

1. Chester T. Fell, Jr. (Buffalo)	W14	W2	W3	L4	W5	W10	5-1	.....
2. E. W. Marchand (Rochester)	W6	L1	W8	W7	W4	D3	43-13	.....
3. Dr. Herzberger (Rochester)	W11	D7	L1	W10	W6	D2	4-2	.....
4. A. E. Vossler (Buffalo)	W10	D5	W7	W1	L2	L6	34-23	22.00
5. J. J. Barrett (Buffalo)	W8	D4	W2	D6	L1	D7	3-3	20.00
6. Arthur Damon (Syracuse)	L2	W9	W1	D5	L3	W4	3-3	16.50
7. R. T. Black, Sr. (Buffalo)	W9	D3	L4	L2	W8	D5	3-3	21.50
8. W. Wilcock (Jamestown)	L5	W13	L2	W12	L7	W14	3-3	15.50
9. Helge Berquist (Jamestown)	L7	L6	L10	W14	W11	W13	3-3	13.50
10. Vernon Gable (Buffalo) 2-33 (.....);	11. William R. Ruch (Buffalo) 2-4 (15.00);							
12. Donald Haney (Buffalo) 2-4 (13.50);	13. George J. Maurer (Buffalo) 2-4 (13.00);							
14. Edward Schmitt (Buffalo) 3-5 (.....)	Damon forfeited 5th round game.							

Damon forfeited 5th round game.

PITTSBURGH METROPOLITAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Pittsburgh, 1952

1. Paul Roth	.....W10	W13	D2	W6	W4	D3	W7	6-1	26.00
2. David Hamburger	.....D3	W12	D1	W5	L7	W6	W9	5-2	28.50
3. Alex Spitzer	.....D2	D5	W13	D4	W12	D1	D8	44-23	26.50
4. William M. Byland	.....D9	W8	D6	D3	L1	W10	D5	4-3	28.50
5. David Spiro	.....D8	D3	W10	L2	W11	D7	D4	4-3	27.50
6. Don McClellan	.....D5	W11	D4	L1	W8	L2	W14	4-3	26.00
7. W. E. Baker	.....L13	W14	W11	D8	W2	D5	L1	4-3	23.50
8. E. A. Coons	.....D12	L4	W9	D7	L6	W11	D3	3-3	25.50
9. Glenn Waltz	.....D4	L10	L8	W14	W13	W12	L2	3-3	20.00
10. Bernard Berger	3-4 (22.00); 11. Geo. Krompoltch	3-4 (20.00); 12. Tom Mansell							
23-45 (23.00); 13. James Hall	13-5 (24.50); 14. Fred Beer	3-6 (21.50).	Soloff points used.						

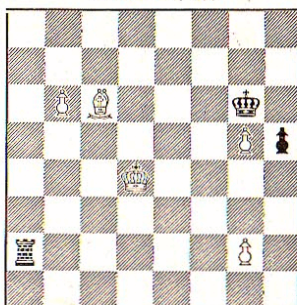
Chess Life

Friday, December 5, 1952

What's The Best Move?

By Guilherme Groesser

Position No. 106



Black to play

Send solutions to Position No. 106 to the Editor, CHESS LIFE, by January 5, 1953.

Solution to Position No. 103

Most of our solvers found the pretty Queen sacrifice; and in this they proved wiser than the player of White who in this position, Wegemund-Schlage, Oynhausen 1922, played 1. Q-B4 and eventually lost the game. The winning solution is: 1. QxQB! and Black can resign. If 1. Kt-B4; 2. QxKt; 3. QxQ; 4. Q-KB6!; 5. Kt-R1! wins or 2. Kt-Q5; 3. QxQ; 4. Q-KB6; 5. Kt-R1, etc. Note that 1. Q-B4 (as actually played) can be answered effectively by 1. Kt-B4 with the threat of 2. Kt-B6!; Better is the suggested 1. B-Q5, Q-Q2!; 2. QxQB, RxR!; 3. QxR ch (if 3. QxQ, RxR ch; 4. K-B2, R-K7 ch; 5. K-K4, Kt-B4 ch; 6. K moves, BxR and Black has at least a draw); B-B1; 4. RxR, Kt-B4! and Black is not altogether hopeless.

Correct solutions are acknowledged received from: J. A. Baker (Mankato), G. M. Banker (Kansas City), J. E. Barry (Ann Arbor), R. Cauvenet (Silver Spring), J. E. Constock (Duluth), W. J. Condit (Charleston), H. E. Fahey (Bradford), J. Faucher (New Haven), E. Gault (Philadelphia), A. R. Hartwig (Peoria), C. Joachim (Seattle), A. Kaufman (Chicago), E. J. Korpany (Woodside), H. Kurruk (Des Plaines), K. Lay (Ripon), D. C. McDaniel (Los Angeles), Dr. J. Melnick (Portland), M. Michaels (Montreal), E. Nash (Washington), F. J. Skoff (Chicago), W. E. Stevens (Laramie), H. C. Underwood (Washington), W. B. Wilson (Amherstburg), N. P. Witting (Salem).

Our congratulations to Joe Faucher, who again tops the Ladder with 42 points.

CORRECTION

It has been brought to our attention that the S-B points in the U.S. Open Championship, as supplied us by the Tournament Director, were incorrect in regard to the position of Ignas Zylis of Montreal. His correct S-B score was 39.00, which placed him in a tie for 22nd with Sharpe. He was shown on the table as 25th with 32.25 S-B score.

SASKATCHEWAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Saskatoon, 1952

1. R. Hayes (Regina)	x	1	1	1	1	4-0
2. J. Eadie (Regina)	0	x	0	1	1	2
3. G. Fielding (Saskatoon)	0	1	x	0	1	2-2
4. Hoehn (Meacham)	0	0	1	x	1	2-2
5. Hoover (Langham)	0	0	0	x	0	4-4

Hoover forfeited games to Hayes and Eadie.

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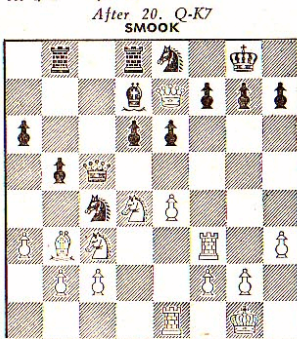
SICILIAN DEFENSE

Team Match

California, 1952

Notes by E. W. Marchand and J. Soudkoff

White	Black
A. J. FINK	R. SMOOK
1. P-K4	P-QB4
2. Kt-KB3	Kt-QB3
3. P-Q4	PxP
4. Kt-K3	P-KB4
5. P-K3	P-Q3
6. P-K3	P-Q3
7. O-O	P-Q3
8. B-K3	P-Q3
9. B-K3	P-Q3
10. P-Kt3	P-Q3
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13. P-Kt3	P-Q3
14. P-Kt3	P-Q3
15. P-Kt3	P-Q3
16. QxR	Q-Kt1



20. Kt-K3
After 20. Kt-K3 White can play the surprising 21. R-P3! The variations are spectacular. For example, 21. R-P3; Kt-K3; 22. Kt-Kt1; Kt-Q3; 23. R-R4 mate. Or 21. R-P3; Kt-K3; 22. BxP; R-R4; 23. BxR. If now (A) 23. Kt-K4, then 24. B-K6 ch, Kt-B6; 25. Kt-B6 wins; if (B) 23. Kt-K4, then 24. QxQ; Kt-Q3; 25. Kt-B6 wins; if (C) 23. Kt-K4, then 24. Q-K6; Kt-K3; 25. Kt-K4; 26. R-K6, R-Kt1; R-Q3; 25. QxQ with two an army threats for the exchange. 21. R-P3!

A sacrifice to open up the K position; its full force is seen in the second sacrifice which follows. 22. P-R2. 22. P-R2. A clever line clearance to make use of K4. If 22. QxKt, then 23. R-K4 is decisive.

22. P-R2. 22. P-R2. The alternative was 23. QxKt; 24. R-K3, QxR; 25. P-Q3; 26. PxP and White wins by maneuvering his Kt to K5.

24. Kt-K4. P-Kt4. Perhaps 24. Kt-K4 offered better resistance.

25. R-P3. QxP. 25. R-P3. A blunder, but on 29. Kt-B1; 30. Q-B6 wins.

30. Kt-B6. Resigns. For after 30. Kt-B6; 31. Kt-R, P-Kt3; 32. Q-K3 ch wins the other R.

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TRI-STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Pittsburgh, 1952

1. T. Archipoff (Toledo, O.)	1	0	1	1	1	31-13
2. Dr. S. Werthammer (Huntington, W. Va.)	0	0	1	1	1	31-13
3. D. Hamberger (Pittsburgh, Pa.)	1	0	0	0	1	3-3
4. McClellan (Jeannette, Pa.)	0	0	0	0	1	23-23
5. R. R. McCready (Cleveland, Ohio)	0	0	0	0	1	23-23
6. R. T. Neel (Huntington, W. Va.)	0	0	0	0	0	0-5

TRI-STATE JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Pittsburgh, 1952

1. Harold White (Avon Lake, Ohio)	1	1	1	1	1	6-0
2. William Kiraly (Harrisburg, Pa.)	0	0	0	0	1	3-23
3. R. Rothman (Columbus, Ohio)	0	0	0	0	1	23-23
4. T. Callin (Pittsburgh, Pa.)	0	0	0	0	0	0-6

TRI-STATE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

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1. L. Lipking (Cleveland, O.)	W10	W5	D4	D6	W8	4-1	16.50
2. R. Krause (Cleveland, O.)	W7	W13	W16	W16	D3	4-1	14.50
3. P. Roth (Pittsburgh, Pa.)	W18	D17	W15	W13	D2	4-1	14.50
4. Saul Wachs (Philadelphia, Pa.)	W9	D6	D1	D5	W12	3-3	17.00
5. Mrs. S. R. Owens (Avon Lake, O.)	W19	L1	W18	D4	W14	3-3	15.00
6. P. L. Dietz (Pittsburgh, Pa.)	W31	D4	D8	D1	W13	3-3	14.00
7. D. Stauvers (Cleveland, O.)	W22	D22	D14	W15	W19	3-3	14.00
8. F. A. Sorensen (Pittsburgh, Pa.)	D23	W14	D6	W9	L1	3-3	15.00
9. J. Schroeder (Columbus, O.)	L4	W5	W26	L8	W16	3-3	15.00
10. G. Krompoltch (Pittsburgh, Pa.)	L1	W31	L19	W25	W24	3-3	11.50
11. B. Berger (Pittsburgh, Pa.)	D28	L5	W25	D17	W23	3-3	10.50
12. J. Gilbert (Pittsburgh, Pa.)	W27	L13	W30	W24	L3	3-3	10.50
13. J. G. Walz (Pittsburgh, Pa.)	W28	W12	D2	L3	L6	2-2	16.00
14. R. Bender (Johnstown, Pa.)	W22	L8	D7	W20	L5	2-2	15.00
15. W. R. Hamilton (Pittsburgh, Pa.)	D21	W11	L3	L7	W27	2-2	14.50
16. J. Hall (Pittsburgh, Pa.)	D29	W21	D17	L2	W22	2-2	13.50
17. Max Mueller (Belvidere, N. J.)	W30	D3	L16	D11	D18	2-2	13.00
18. R. W. Vollmar (St. Louis, Mo.)	L3	W27	L5	W30	D17	2-2	12.50
19. H. Green (Cleveland, O.)	L5	W32	W10	D23	L7	2-2	12.00
20. S. R. Owens (Avon Lake, O.)	D24	L9	W21	L14	W28	2-2	11.50
21. J. Gilchrist (Cleveland, O.)	D15	L16	L20	W29	D23	2-2	10.50
22. S. L. Trumbull (Columbus, O.)	L14	L7	W22	D28	W30	2-2	8.50
23. H. Fleet (Dayton, O.)	2-3 (12.00); 24. A. Chralik (Cleveland, O.)	2-3 (12.00);					
25. B. Bush (Columbus, O.)	2-3 (11.00); 26. D. Spiro (Pittsburgh, Pa.)	1-3 (12.00);					
27. E. A. Coon (Pittsburgh, Pa.)	1-3 (11.00); 28. V. S. Sayward (Huntington, W. Va.)	1-3 (9.50); 29. W. Petran (Dayton, O.)	1-3 (10.50);				
30. F. P. Beer (Cincinnati, O.)	1-4 (12.00); 31. M. H. Allison (Columbus, O.)	1-4 (10.00); 32. H. Price (Columbus, O.)	0-5 (9.50).				

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Correspondence, 1951

Notes by Dr. M. G. Sturm

White	Black
C. W. ROBERTS	DR. M. G. STURM
(England)	(Trinidad)
1. P-KB4	P-K4
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7. Q-K2. Quite a good move, apart from the whimsical threat of 7. Kt-K5 mate. 8. Kt-K5. 9. Kt-K5. 10. Kt-K5. 11. P-Q4! Not as bad as it looks, but incorrectly followed up.

11. Q-R5ch. 12. K-Q2? White could well play 12. P-KK3!; 13. Kt-K5; 14. Kt-K5; 15. Kt-K5 with a good game, threatening B-Kt1, and if 15. B-K5; 16. P-KR3, B-R4; 17. P-KK4, B-K3; 18. B-K2.

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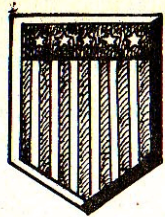
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PROMOTIONAL PLAN BEGINS

USCF Expands Membership Value With Added Benefits for 1953

According to the announcement of USCF Business Manager Kenneth Harkness, the first fruits of the Promotional Plan adopted at Tampa will be increased privileges and advantages to USCF Members. In addition to the expansion of CHESS LIFE, to which new features will be added in the early months of 1953, Business Manager Harkness lists a number of other special advantages and privileges which will accrue to USCF members in 1953.

Among these are the rating of team matches and tournaments in addition to the Swis and round-robin tournaments already rated, with the publication (free of charge to USCF members) twice a year of the average ratings and classifications of all members.

USCF dues also now include membership in the State Chess Association (provided it is affiliated with the USCF). Membership in the local organization is automatic if its dues are \$1.00 per year. (Where the local dues are \$2.00, you need only to pay the \$1.00 difference for local membership).

Chess books and equipment are now made available to USCF members at substantial discounts. Buyers of chess books save money by belonging to the USCF, and those who buy chess books regularly will soon find that their savings amount to more than the USCF dues.

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Other advantages and benefits accruing from USCF Membership will be announced later in the year as the five-year Promotional Plan is placed into full motion.

MAGEE CAPTURES WICHITA, OPEN

Lee Magee of Omaha scored another triumph in the 3rd Wichita Open Chess Championship at the YMCA, tallying 5½-½ in the 28 player Swiss, and conceding one draw to youthful Jim Callis of Wichita. Second to fourth on S-B with equal 5-1 scores were Henry Georgi of Lawrence, Alfred Ludwig of Omaha, and Jim Callas of Wichita, a trio which lost no games but conceded two draws apiece. Georgi drew with Ludwig and Oscar Maring; Ludwig with Georgi and Henry Amsden; and Callis with Carl Weber and Oscar Maring. Fifth to seventh with 4-2 each were Kirke Mechem, Hugo Teufel, Jr., and Bert Brice-Nash of Rogers, Ark.

NEWBERRY TOPS MISSOURI OPEN

With 4½-½ W. H. C. Newberry of Alton, Ill. won the Missouri Open at St. Louis, drawing with runner-up Hugh Myers of Decatur, Ill., who scored 4-1, drawing also with Harold Branch. Branch of St. Louis was third with 3½-1½, gaining the State title as the ranking Missouri player. Branch lost one game to Newberry and drew with Myers. Third to seventh on S-B with equal 3-2 scores were 1951 champion Harry A. Lew and C. M. Burton of St. Louis, and J. Edward Cain and Jerry T. O'Neil of Columbia. 14 players contested in the event which presented a strong field despite the absence of 1950 champion Robert Steinmeyer and several other ranking Missouri players.

ROZMAN TAKES MARITIME EVENT

D. I. D. Rozman won the Maritime Championship at Dieppe (N. B.) with 4½-½, drawing with O. M. MacConnel who finished second on S-B with 3½-1½. Third place went to O. P. Doucet with 3½-½, while Geo. Beals placed fourth with 3-2 in the 10 player event at the Brunswick Hotel, directed by D. A. MacAdam, editor of Canadian Chess Chat.

Rozman, a native of Yugoslavia and a resident of Charlottetown, won the Colpitts Trophy for the second time, having won the title also in 1950. The Haligonians won the team championship, repeating their victory of last year when the team tournament was inaugurated.

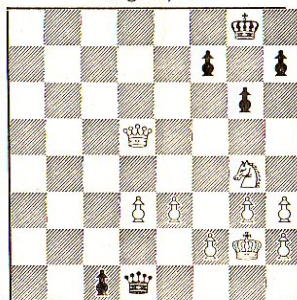
CAIN, GOULD TOP AT NEWBURYPORT

Clifford Cain won the Teen-Age Championship event sponsored by the Newburyport (Mass.) Chess Club in a field of six, with second place going to John O'Keefe and third place to Charles Pike. In the Junior Championship (under 12) the title went to Thomas Gould, 7-year old, with 3½-½, while Albert Pariseau placed second and Nancy Pike third in the five player event.

BROADCAST GAME IN LEAGUE MATCH

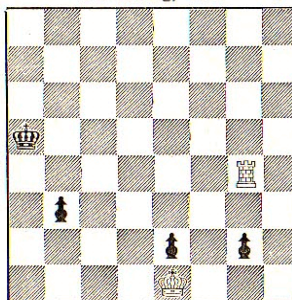
Station KPFA-FM of Berkeley (Calif.) broadcast a game from match play between Paul Morphy Chess Club of Berkeley and Staunton Group of Oakland on December 13th. Publicity to the broadcast was given in George Koltanowski's chess column in the San Francisco Chronicle. The broadcast served as publicity for the newly organized Chess Friends of Northern California, Inc.

Position No. 95
N. Bond vs. L. G. Beckham
Virginia, 1947



White to play and win

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P. Romanovsky vs. R. Platz
Petersburg, 1916



White to play and draw

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Conducted by Edmund Nash

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THE positions above are interesting because in the actual games White in each case failed to find the right continuation. In Position No. 95, which occurred in the Virginia Championship tournament, White took a draw by perpetual check: 1. Q-K3 ch, K-K12; 2. Q-B6 ch, K-B1; 3. Q-Q6 ch, K-K12; 4. Q-B6 ch. Five years later, he discovered a forced mate or win of the Queen in 6 moves.

In Position No. 96, White actually resigned the game after 1. KxP?, P-Kt7; 2. R-Kt8, K-R3!; 3. R-QR8 ch, K-K12. The next day, thinking to make an endgame study of the position, he discovered an amazingly simple and instructive drawing continuation.

For solutions, please turn to page four.

Last Round

By DR. KESTER SVENDSEN
University of Oklahoma

(Continued from December 5th Issue)

A moment's hesitation, and then he placed the knight at knight five. There. Now would Rolavsky move the pawn? The precisionist wouldn't. The arrogant refuter of gambits would. Did there linger still a trace of something from the third move? Would this Russian weaken? Rook and pawn, did he think, for bishop and knight?

Rolavsky studied the position almost interminably. Then he pushed his pawn to king rook three — then dropped his hand as if burnt, as if too late he had seen beneath the surface of the board a steady fire. And now the crowd was quiet, waiting, and there began to break into the Old Master's brain a long shaft of light. A combination, the moves tumbling over one another with sweet promise. A game of equilibrium, a perfect tension of pieces, everything held in suspense by a perpetual check from Black, a fantasy of eternal motion caught in the flowing lines of a knight's pendulum move. He could force Rolavsky to play for a draw. Eagerly the Old Master took the bishop's pawn with his knight and waited for Rolavsky to retake with the rook. The combination was irresistible. But would Rolavsky see the knight check he himself would have to give, five moves later, to hold the draw? Would he take the draw that would give him the championship of the world?

Rolavsky retook the rook, and the old man moved the king pawn down. The crowd, sensing something in the quick replies after so long a series of waits rippled with comment.

"Why didn't he retake with the bishop?"

(Please turn to page 3, col. 1)

... if pawn takes pawn, the queen is lost ... what's the old man after? ... no, the rook is pinned ... it won't run away."

At last Rolavsky switched the threatened knight to knight five. The Old Master moved the pawn to king six and found himself praying that Rolavsky would not take it with the bishop. The continuation darkened his mind: he takes with his bishop, I'll take with mine; he threatens mate, queen to rook five; I take the rook and check; he takes the bishop with the king; I check at bishop three with the queen; he goes to the knight square, then pawn to king rook three and he's lost. But lost in a brutal way after a blunt struggle. No charm there, no beauty, only a win. For a moment the Old Master cursed this insane undesire to win that had cost him so many a tournament; and he hoped that Rolavsky would take with the bishop. The pull of the title spun the chess board before him as he thought of the fifty years he had divided his heart between fortune and perfection. He searched Rolavsky's face as the clock ticked off minutes. Two hours for thirty moves. Only a third of them made, and Rolavsky still looking at the board. Too long.

But now Rolavsky was moving his queen, and the old man saw it glide to rook five. The dreaded and then hoped-for combination vanished from his mind and in its place came a sense of lightness and power. The pattern was forming. The tensions, threat and counter threat, were moving toward that poetry of perpetual motion he had anticipated. He took the rook with his

FINLAND ADDS CHESS STAMP

By PAULINE NEARING
Decatur Chess Club

A commemorative stamp honoring the 10th Olympic Chess Team Championship held in Helsinki, Finland, was issued August 10, 1952. This 25 markka stamp, in gray black, features the design of a chess board in the background, with a black knight and a white rook. Certainly, this is a most appropriate selection, the board which is the most ancient and enduring implement of chess, and the two chess pieces, the knight and the rook, whose moves have never changed since the origin of the game.

Finland's foremost designer, Mrs. Signe Hammarstein-Jansson, designed the stamp, and B. Ekholm was the engraver.

The first day of sale was August 10th, in a special post office set up in the Commercial High School in Helsinki, for one day only. After that date, the stamp was sold in other post offices in Finland. One million stamps were printed in the issue. In comparison to 110 million U. S. commemorative stamps in each issue, this might be considered a small printing. (Nov. 21, 1952, first day of sale of the U. S. commemorative bi-colored International Red Cross stamp held in New York City, totaled three million.)



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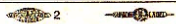
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Chess Life Decks The Tree

"Presents," I often say, "dear Absents."

CHARLES LAMB—A Dissertation upon Roast Pig.

NOT to be backward in the mellow spirit of Christmas giving, CHESS LIFE plans to deck its own Christmas Tree with numerous presents for the coming year. But as the readers on Christmas Day and for many days thereafter will have their own more personal gifts to enjoy, CHESS LIFE has shrewdly decided to spread her gifts over the ensuing months, so that the readers will not be surfeited with one huge banquet of chess goodies and then consigned to "left-overs" like the Christmas turkey on Friday or Saturday.

For that reason, it will be in the early months of 1953 that CHESS LIFE will begin to unroll her presents to the reader in the form of new and entertaining features in what we trust all readers will proclaim an improved CHESS LIFE.

It is probable that CHESS LIFE will change its format slightly in the early months of Spring, bringing a smaller and more convenient page for reading and handling, but also more pages to increase the amount of reading material in each issue.

In the added space of each issue will be presented CHESS LIFE's gifts to its faithful readers in the form of numerous new semi-monthly and monthly features. Among these will be:

WINNING CHESS by International Master Larry Evans in which the brilliant young U. S. Champion will discuss interesting game positions, explaining the winning moves and the winning technique.

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NEW IDEAS IN THE OPENING by Chess Master Herman Steiner, in which the former U. S. Champion will discuss new developments in opening theory and practice.

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These special features in addition to the usual popular features already published in CHESS LIFE will be our way of wishing all our readers

A Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

throughout the twenty-four issues of CHESS LIFE in 1953.

Montgomery Major

The Reader's Road To Chess

By Kester Svendsen

DAS HOHE SCHULE DER SCHACH-TAKTIK. By Kurt Richter. Berlin-Frohnau, Germany: Siegfried Engelhardt, 21 Remstaler Strasse. 220 pp., 665 days.

THE indefatigable Berlin master, whose attacking play was well-known before World War II, has produced what his publishers proudly call "das grosses Werk": a collection of 623 games of 20 moves or less, illustrative of every feature of chess tactics, especially in the opening. These are drawn from all sources imaginable, chiefly modern Continental tournaments, matches, correspondence games, and simultaneous exhibitions. The book combines the best features of DuMont's 200 Miniature Games of Chess and Chernev's Chess Traps. Most of the games are brand new to this reviewer, though some favorites appear from Alekhine (15 of these) Tarrasch (11), Morphy (10), Marshall (7), and others. One of the Alekhine entries is his disputed win from Tenner, Cologne 1911, which promises to be as durable an error as the famous "five queens" game exposed by Dr. Buschke in Chess Life.

Richter's great advantage for the American reader has been his reliance upon German and other Continental examples. His criteria here were brevity, beauty, and instructiveness. In the interest of this last, he has grouped the games into five sections by motifs and set up typical positions for each section. The German master Rudolph Teschner shared in this work, testing every combination himself. Number 373, a charming specimen, is Leussen-Duras, Scheveningen 1905.

1. e4, e5; 2. Sf3, Sc6; 3. Sc3, Sf6; 4. Lb5, Lb4; 5. O-O, O-O; 6. d3, d6; 7. Se2, Lg4; 8. c3, La5; 9. Sg3, Lb6; 10. h3, Ld7; 11. Lg5, Sd7; 12. f3, d4; 13. Lg5, Ld7; 14. Lg5, Ld7; 15. Lg5, Ld7; 16. Lg5, Ld7; 17. Lg5, Ld7; 18. Lg5, Ld7; 19. Lg5, Ld7; 20. Lg5, Ld7.

takes), Lb5; 13. Sh5, Dd7; 14. Sg7; h6; 15. Sg5, Sg6; 16. Dh5, Tfb8; 17. Dh6, Kf8; 18. S7e6ch, Ke8; 19. Df8chl, Sf8; 20. Sg7 mate.

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EDITOR SPENCE has followed the businesslike method employed in the preceding issues of this series, which is to present the games with special articles (by Eliot Hearst and Hans Kmoch), round-by-round commentary, and annotations collected from the periodicals, including Chess Life, American Chess Bulletin, Chess Review, and British Chess Magazine, written by Euwe, Kmoch, Golombek, Santasiere, Platz, and others. Scoretables and indexes are included.

Reshevsky won, of course, followed by Euwe, Najdorf, Fine, Evans, Byrne, Horowitz, Guimard, O'Kelly, Bisguier, Kramer, and Shainswit. The presence of four grandmasters, not to speak of the other fine players, made the tourney a strong and distinguished memorial to a great chess patron. Jack Spence and the Nebraska Chess Association have once more put us all in their debt. It is to be hoped, however, that subsequent volumes in the series will be reproduced by a different process. Despite the editor's carefully inked corrections, the mimeographing is simply not so satisfactory a method as photo-offset from sharply typed copy.

Mate The Subtle Way!

by Vincent L. Eaton

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Contemporary American Composers—4

ERIC M. HASSBERG

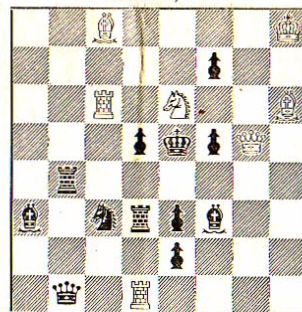
THE diagrams below present some of the best work of one of America's top present-day composers, Eric M. Hassberg. An Austrian by birth, he came to this country from Vienna before World War II, and makes his home in Jackson Heights, New York.

His problems are marked by complexity of theme and originality of treatment. Effervescent with ideas, he seeks in both his two-movers and his three-movers to achieve new blends of Black and White strategy, and his success in keeping abreast of modern trends in composition is witnessed by his having won many prizes in international tourneys.

Hassberg has served as problem editor of the Chess Correspondent and, as Vice-President of the Chess Problem Association of America, he was one of the principal founders and the chief editor of its organ, the American Chess Problemist. With Edgar W. Allen, he edited To Alain White (Stamford, Connecticut, 1945), and his other publications include a collection of The Best American Chess Problems of 1946 (Omaha, 1946).

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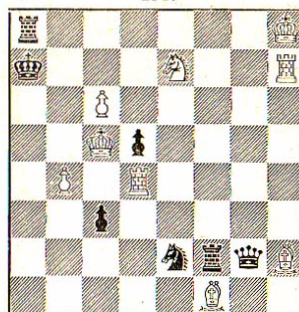
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White mates in two moves

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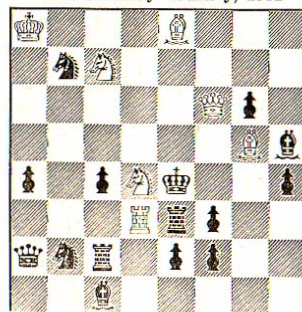
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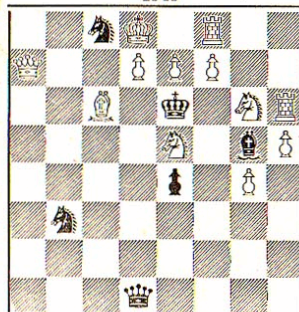
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White mates in two moves

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1st Prize, "Chess Correspondent," 1948



White mates in three moves

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23. Mark Clutter (Wichita, Kans.)	2-4	3-3 (3.00);	24. Booth Myers (Wichita, Kans.)	2-4	3-3 (3.00);	25. H. W. Brauer (Haven, Kans.)	1-5	2-5 (0.00);
26. D. L. Convis (Wichita, Kans.)	1-5	2-5 (0.00);	27. Peru Kirkpatrick (Wichita, Kans.)	1-5	2-5 (0.00);	28. Vincent Serrioz (Wichita, Kans.)	0-6	0.00 (0.00).
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Chess Life In New York

By Eliot Hearst

AFTER completing the last lap of her trip back from the World's Women Championship in Moscow, Mrs. Mary Bain, U.S. Women's Titlist, arrived in New York early Sunday morning, Nov. 30. One might think that, having just terminated over a week of constant travelling, the popular champion would settle down, unpack, and take a welcome rest. But not so for Mrs. Bain! A few hours after depositing her baggage at her hotel, she was down at the Marshall C. C., distributing the gifts she had brought back from Moscow for many of her female friends and enlightening quite a number of club members on conditions behind the Iron Curtain, particularly in the sphere of the Royal Game. We have not had ample opportunity to discuss with Mrs. Bain many interesting aspects of her trip and we hope to do so in a future column. Let it be said now that she has returned with a great respect for the prowess of the Russian contestants in the tourney (such respect is not confined to women's chess either, as the world's top male players will attest!) and with a vivid remembrance of the Russian's "magnificent hospitality." Besides meeting such top masters as Smyslov, Kotov, Lillienthal, and Ragosin, she learned much about the personality traits of the Soviet female stars, most of whom are professional women-engineers, lawyers, and teachers. Incidentally she mentioned the fact that Ignatievna, one of the most promising Russian combatants is the ex-wife of David Bronstein. There's no doubt as to where she learned her chess!

The Manhattan C. C. Championship is now underway with fifteen competitors battling it out for the coveted club title. Quite a few of the top competitors in last year's tourney were unable to compete this season—George Kramer, Donald Byrne, Arnold Denker, Sidney Bernstein, and Jack Moscovitz to mention several—but the entries of Max Pavey, Alex Kevitz, Herb Seidman, and A. S. Pinkus assure the contest a high rating. Early results include Seidman, Boysan, Kaminsky, and Vine as first round victors with Abe Turner holding the advantage over Karl Burger in an important adjourned game.

The Marshall C. C. tournament is much farther advanced and already indications are that the competition will be centered among five top contestants from last year's struggle. Carl Pilnick 5-0, is in the lead, while J. Collins, F. Howard, A. Santasiere and J. Sherwin all have scores of 4½-1½; Edmar Mednis is close behind with 4-2. The next few rounds should find a definite pacesetter emerging. IN BRIEF: Scores of recent college matches: Columbia 5½, NYU ½; Columbia 7, Cooper Union 1; Columbia 6, Brooklyn 2; Cooper Union 3½, Bklyn poly 3½. . . . Edmar Mednis 5-0 leads N. Y. Intercollegiate Indiv. Championship. Brent Shapiro has 3½-1½.

Tampa Chess Club saw Florida Champion Nestor Hernandez take the club Diaz Memorial event 2-1 in a 12 player double-round event, drawing one game each with Arthur Montano and R. Robaldo. Montano was second with 17-5, while S. Stein, R. Robaldo, and P. Alonso shared third with 14½-7½ each.

West Seattle Chess Club saw O. W. Manney take the club title 12½-½, with Schmoeyer second with 10-0, and newcomer Gene Vukonich third with 13-6.

Tacoma Y Chess Club elected R. B. Beach president, Tom Dolle treasurer, L. Coubrough secretary, and R. M. Collins tournament director.

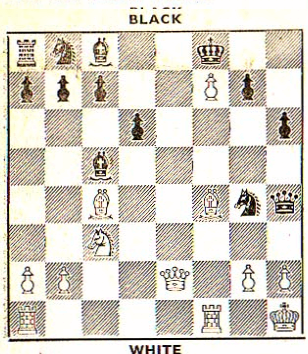
pawn. The Black king moved under it. He played his bishop to bishop four, covering the mate at rook two. The clock ticked as he listened to the beating of Rolavsky's heart and in a minute or two they seemed to focus, rising in tempo until at thunder pitch the Russian pulled away the bishop's pawn and dropped his knight on the square. The old man moved his queen to king two. A perfect game. He ran through the moves. Black knight to knight five, check. White king to the rook square. Black checking again with the knight. How tense the pieces looked! What a balance between White's accumulated force and the gyrations of the Black knight!

Rolavsky was sweating now, and the crowd was quiet. Twice the Russian's hand strayed to the board and twice he withdrew it. The old man went through the moves again. Then he looked up again from his dream to see in Rolavsky's eyes something that wrenched him. Bitter Lake! The eagerness for revenge across the board shook him. Something in the game crumpled, and with it something in the old man's mind.

Rolavsky was bending over the board, demanding a win of his pieces. He didn't want a draw. The crowd jabbered, unmindful of frowns from the director, piecing out the perpetual check.

"Sure it's a perpetual . . . knight just moves back and forth . . . old man must be crazy . . . giving the championship away . . . why doesn't Rolavsky move?"

At last Rolavsky did, knight to knight five, discovering check. The Old Master pushed his king aside and with it the illusion of fifty years. Rolavsky could check once more, demonstrate the perpetual to the referee, and then sweep the pieces into confusion as he rose. The Old Master waited.



But Rolavsky did not check. Slowly the old man's eyes moved from Rolavsky's face to the silent chessmen. They blurred; then the Russian moved — rook to queen two.

As he stared at the move, the Old Master recognised a new defeat. There was no perpetual check. There never had been. Blindness! As if seeing the position for the first time, he painfully picked over the moves, resisting each pull into the combination that deluded him. Had Rolavsky checked with the knight. Black would have lost. Knight checks, rook takes knight, and if Black retakes, White mates at king eight. The Black bishop had to move to queen two to protect the mating square. The old man looked up again; and as he stretched his hand to the board, he sensed rather than saw something else at the edge of Rolavsky's eyes. He stopped his hand, and the gesture released the breath of the crowd in a quiet sigh.

Once more he searched the position, wondering why he continued, deaf to the reawakened swell of flurry beyond the ropes. Suddenly he saw it and everything else faded except the patterns of force formed by the pieces as they moved into their predestined places. Again the testing of each move, racked by the error of the first delusion, soothed by what he saw unfolding on the board. Finally he pulled his queen rook to king square. Rolavsky hurried his other knight to queen bishop three. And

now it was as if some inevitable force suddenly set in motion were lifting the game away from both players. Or perhaps the old man had realised that Rolavsky was but a chess piece too, to be moved and used. Whatever the reason, only the moves remained. The Old Master traced the final position in his mind. The rooks, side by side, one checking, the other covering an escape square. The bishops, one checking, the other covering an escape square. The rook on white and the bishop on black, checking together, one from afar, the other only a diamond from the Black king.

Here . . . here, this was it. There could be no mistake now. Out of defeat, victory. Out of death, life. Out of the tangled emotions of this fleeting game a beauty to endure forever. Those fifty tortured years of his had not been in vain after all. This was perfection, a work of art, an abstraction of force into an eternal tension utterly withdrawn from its creators, from the moment, from the unmoved chessboard itself. A superb sequence of power begun by the most daring stroke of all chessdom, the sacrifice of the most powerful piece, the queen. No . . . no, not the queen but two! One queen, combiner of rook and bishop in its motion, to die; from its sacrifice to come a new queen, itself to die stillborn, then the mate to be delivered by its divided functions, by bishop and rook. Surely, the old man told himself, there was no greater beauty than this. The victory was his. He had put to take it. With trembling fingers he lifted his queen, moved it steadily down the file to king eight.

Someone in the crowd gabbled in astonishment.

"His queen? . . . he's crazy . . . that square's twice covered . . . I can't see . . . no, Rolavsky's time is almost gone . . . it's a trick . . . Bitter Lake . . . remember Bitter Lake!"

Rolavsky, with a wild look at the clock, swept the queen from the board with his rook. The old man took the rook, queening the pawn with the check. Rolavsky's hand faltered, moved again, and the bishop captured the second queen. Then with a loving movement, a long caressing gesture, itself somehow a part of the final position, the Old Master drew his bishop up to the queen pawn, removed it, left the bishop, and whispered, smiling gently above the file of the unmasked rook, a single word.

"Mate."

This story is based on the game Charousek-Wollner, Kaschau 1893: 1. P-K4, P-K4; 2. P-Q4, PXP; 3. P-QB3, PXP; 4. B-K4, N-KB3; 5. N-B3, B-QB4; 6. NXP; 7. B-K3, B-K3; 8. Castles; 9. N-K5, P-KR3; 10. NXP, RXN; 11. P-K5, N-N5; 12. P-K6, Q-R5; 13. PXRch, K-B1; 13. B-B4, NXP; 14. Q-K2, N-N5; 15. K-R1, B-Q2; 16. QR-K1, N-B3; 17. Q-K8ch, RXQ; 18. PXRch, B-Q2; 19. BXP mate.

Racine (Wis.) Chess Club scored a 7-1 victory over Waukegan. Rudy Kunz, R. E. Rigg, John Aroks, Dan Andersen, Erwin Poetschke, David Arganian, and Ed Erdman scored for Racine while Art Sinclair salvaged the lone Waukegan point.

Germantown Y (Philadelphia) Chess Club lost a tough one to Franklin Chess Club 2-3, facing three former State Champions in the Franklin line-up. Mrs. Mary Selensky scored the only Germantown win, while Schrader and Ash of Germantown drew with Sharpe and Mordell of Franklin. DiCamillo and Ruth score the Franklin victories.

Owen Sound (Ontario) Chess Club according to chess editor Malcolm Sim of the Toronto Telegram boasts 34 players although only organized in September. Kenneth Brown is the president.

Cosmo (Los Angeles) Chess Club saw Leonard Zeitlin score a 7-0 victory in the B section of the Club Championship, while Robert W. Taylor was second with 5-2, and Nelson Bryant third with 4-3. In the A section Eugene Rubin seems assured of victory with 7-0, closely pursued by Romanski and Sagorsky with 6-2 in the incomplete standings.

With The Chess Leagues

PUGET SOUND LEAGUE: Seattle YMCA Chess Club leads 2-0 with Everett second with 1-1 in the start of a season marred by a number of postponements. Seattle YMCA bested Everett 8-2 and downed Seattle University 9-1; while Everett overpowered West Seattle 9-1 in the only matches played so far. Olympia and Kitsap clubs have apparently dropped from league competition.

DISTRICT (of Columbia) CHESS LEAGUE: Second round results were: National Section: Divan B topped FSA 9½-½; Navcom A downed National 7½-1½; Federal A outpointed APL 3½-2½; Maryland won from Bald Eagle 6-0 by forfeit. American Section: Library topped ORO 6-0; Paragon bested Georgetown 8-0; Divan A overwhelmed Federal B 7-0; Navcom B drew with Agriculture 3-3.

CENTRAL MICHIGAN CHESS LEAGUE: Lansing Chess Club drew with Kalamazoo Valley Chess Club 5-5 and bested Grand Rapids Chess Club 6-4 in first encounters of this newly organized league. The first match saw Edgar Sneders of Lansing draw with H. Kalnins of Kalamazoo — a novel encounter by two former Latvian players in a new home.

CLEVELAND INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE opened the season with Atlantic Tool trouncing Allied Tool 4-0, Cleveland rdinance besting NACA 3-1. Post-Office downing Horizon, Inc. 2½-1½, Cleveland Twist Drill outpointing Tools & Gauges 3-2, and Jack & Heintz winning from Lincoln Electric 4-0.

CLEVELAND CHESS LEAGUE opens the season with ten teams, Queen's Chess Club, Brooklyn Chessnuts, Checkmate Club, Cleveland Chess Club, East Cleveland Chess Club, King's Men Chess Club, Pawns Chess Club, Shaker Chess Club Nationals.

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA CHESS LEAGUE: Opening round saw Pittsburg down Oakdale 4-2; Stockton best Modesto 4-0; San Jose swamp Visalia 7-4; and Sacramento tie Fresno 3-3. Incomplete second round results: Sacramento topped Stockton 7½-3½; San Jose outpointed Pittsburg 5½-4½.

NORTH JERSEY CHESS LEAGUE: Orange and Irvington-Polish lead with 2-0 each after two rounds. Second round results saw Plainfield top Philidor 6-2; Orange down Elizabeth 5-3; Montclair best Northern Valley 5½-2½; Irvington-Polish beat Union 5-3; and Marooz outpoint Jersey City 6-2.

MARITIME CHAMPIONSHIP

Dieppe, 1952	
1. D. I. D. Rozman (Charlottetown)	4½-3 11.25
2. O. M. MacConnel (Halifax)	3½-1½ 9.75
3. O. P. Doucet (Moncton)	3½-1½ 5.75
4. Geo. Beals (Halifax)	3-2 7.50
5. Wm. Mayfield (Halifax)	2½-2½ 5.75
6. Jas. W. Davidson (Moncton) 2-3 (4.00); 7. Chas. Toombs (Charlottetown) 2-3 (2.50); 8. Gerhard Jungst (Halifax) 2-3 (2.00); 9. Dr. Hradecsky (Moncton) 2-3 (2.00); 10. D. A. MacAdam (Montreal) 0-5 (0.00).	

VIRGINIA OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Portsmouth, Va.	
1. H. Avram	W12 W4 W15 L3 D2 W9 W5 5½-1½ 21.75
2. M. Weiner	W13 D9 W6 W15 D1 W4 W7 5½-1½ 21.00
3. C. B. Spencer	W18 W9 W1 L5 W6 5-2 18.00
4. L. R. Chauvenet	W7 L1 W10 W6 W3 L2 D9 4½-2½ 18.25
5. A. Pabon	L6 W19 W20 W14 D9 W3 L1 4½-2½ 17.75
6. S. V. McCasland	W5 W20 D2 L4 D7 W14 L3 4-3 13.25
7. G. F. Miller	L4 D8 W19 W13 D6 W11 L2 3-3 12.75
8. D. Stetzer	D7 D11 L10 W17 W13 W14 4-3 11.50
9. E. Nash	W8 D2 L3 W12 W5 L1 D4 3½-3½ 14.75
10. L. Morgan	W11 L15 L4 W8 L14 D16 W18 3½-3½ 11.00
11. J. R. Rice	L10 D12 D8 W18 W17 D13 3½-3½ 10.25
12. M. Seidelman	L1 D11 W17 L9 L13 W15 W20 3½-3½ 8.75
13. R. H. Baine 3-4 (9.75); 14. W. Hoff 3-4 (8.50); 15. J. M. Palmer 3-4 (8.50); 16. W. Bell 1-6 (2.00); 17. W. B. Wobur 3-4 (5.00); 18. W. R. Triplett 2-5 (4.00); 19. W. Bell 1-6 (2.00); 20. N. Safian 1-6 (1.00).	

NEW JERSEY STATE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Orange, 1952	
1. Dr. E. S. Baker	W27 W3 D6 W10 D13 W7 D2 5½-1½ 14.00
2. Franklin Howard	W3 L13 D5 W14 W9 W4 D1 5-2 11.75
3. Saul Yarnak	L2 L1 W12 W25 W11 W21 W6 5-2 11.75
4. E. T. McCormick	W18 W7 L13 W15 W6 L2 W10 5-2 11.75
5. I. Romanenko	W25 L6 D2 D8 W15 W13 W14 5-2 11.75
6. Ralph Hurlten	W22 W5 L1 W13 L4 W9 L3 4½-2½ 11.75
7. David Eisen	W23 L4 W18 W22 W17 L1 W15 4½-2½ 11.75
8. Robt. Clayton	W24 L14 W20 D5 W16 L10 W18 4½-2½ 11.75
9. Fred Borges	W28 W23 D17 W11 L2 W6 W13 4-3 11.75
10. M. Fleischer	D21 D11 W16 L1 W27 W9 4-3 11.75
11. C. Carmelie	D14 D10 W20 L9 L13 W13 W21 4-3 11.75
12. John Mager	L13 L15 L3 W32 W19 W19 W23 W22 4-3 11.75
13. Dick Haefner	W12 W2 W4 L6 D1 L5 L9 3-3½ 11.75
14. N. Cafarelli	D11 W8 D15 L2 D18 W17 L5 3-3½ 11.75
15. Max F. Mueller, Sr.	W29 W12 D14 L5 W16 L7 3-3½ 11.75
16. Alan L. Brown	W19 W25 L10 W20 L8 L15 D17 3-3½ 11.75
17. E. Mack (Racine)	W26 D21 D9 W19 L7 L14 D16 3-3½ 11.75
18. Henry Overem	L4 W30 D7 D27 D14 W22 L8 3-3½ 11.75
19. Max F. Mueller, Jr.	L16 W29 W27 L17 L12 W28 D24 3-3½ 11.75
20. Derwin Kerr	L30 W32 L8 L16 W29 D14 W27 3-3½ 11.75
21. Wm. Jones 3-4; 22. Robt. McCallister 3-4; 23. Norman Hurlten 3-4; 24. David Morris 3-4; 25. Walbrecht 3-4; 26. Henry Hunt 3-4; 27. Henry Stockhold 2½-4; 28. Walter Stephan 2-5; 29. Lewis Fattel 2-5; 30. Carl Carlson 2-5; 31. E. Zasadzinski 2-5; 32. Greenway 6-7.	

Greenway withdrew after first round.

MISSOURI STATE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

St. Louis, 1952	
1. W. H. C. Newberry (Alton, Ill.)	W9 W4 W5 D2 W3 4½-3 14.00
2. Hugh Myers (Decatur, Ill.)	W11 D3 D1 W4 4-1 11.75
3. Harold Branch (St. Louis, Mo.)	W14 W1 D2 W7 L1 3½-3½ 8.00
4. Harry A. Lev (St. Louis)	W12 L1 W6 W5 L2 3-2 7.00
5. C. M. Burton (St. Louis)	W11 W8 L1 L4 W10 3-2 6.50
6. J. Edward Cain (Columbia)	W13 L3 L4 W9 W14 3-2 3.50
7. Jerry T. O'Dell (Columbia)	L2 W14 W12 L3 W8 3-2 3.50
8. Edmund Goldob (St. Louis)	W10 L5 D9 W12 L2 2½-2½ 2.25
9. W. Russell (St. Louis)	W10 D8 L6 W12 W12 2½-2½ 2.25
10. Gordon Bennett (St. Louis) 2-3 (3.00); 11. Dr. W. W. Livingston (Everton) 2-3 (2.00); 12. R. W. Vollmar (St. Louis) 1-4 (1.00); 13. H. Madison (St. Joseph) 1-4 (0.00); 14. Charles Graham (Kansas City) 0-5 (0.00).	

Vollmar and Madison forfeited their final round games.

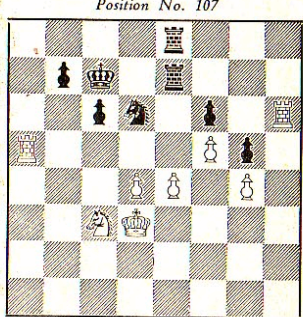
WASHINGTON STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Seattle, 1952	
1. Elmars Zemgals (Seattle)	x 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 9-0
2. Leonard Sheets (Seattle)	0 x 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 6½-2½
3. O. W. Wanner (Seattle)	0 0 x 1 1 1 1 1 1 6-3
4. Charles Ballantine (Seattle)	0 0 x 1 1 1 1 1 1 5-4
5. Dan Wade (Seattle)	0 0 0 x 1 1 1 1 1 4½-4½
6. Russ Vellias (Seattle)	0 1 0 0 x 1 1 1 1 4½-4½
7. Ken Mulford (Seattle)	0 0 0 0 0 x 1 1 1 4-5
8. Harold Joachim (Seattle)	0 0 0 0 0 0 x 1 1 3½-3½
9. Jack Nourse (Port Blakely)	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 x 1 2½-6½
10. Ted Warner (Seattle)	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 x 0-9

RACINE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

Racine, 1952	
1. R. Kunz (Racine)	W7 W9 W8 W3 W2 W5 L4 6-1 27.50
2. A. Donsky (Racine)	W22 W18 W12 W10 L1 W7 W3 6-1 19.50
3. R. E. Rigg (Racine)	W13 W5 W16 L1 W8 W9 L2 5-2 16.50
4. Charles Ballantine (Seattle)	W12 W1 W6 W5 L2 3-2 7.00
5. H. C. Zierke (Racine)	W20 L3 D6 W23 W10 L1 W9 4½-2½ 12.75
6. Anderson (Sturtevant) L3	W24 D5 L12 W20 W23 W10 4½-2½ 9.75
7. John Abt (Racine)	L1 W20 W4 L9 W17 L2 W12 4-3 12.00
8. E. Poetschke (Racine) W6	W17 L1 W16 L3 L4 W13 4-3 11.50
9. H. C. Zierke (Racine)	W15 L1 W23 L2 W12 L3 4-3 11.00
10. B. Gill (Racine)	W21 D2 W14 L2 L5 W16 L6 3½-3½ 8.50
11. H. K. Moskal (Kenosha)	W15 W24 D12 W18 3½-3½ 7.50
12. D. Arganian (Racine) 3-4 (3.00); 13. Duane Arena (Racine) 3-4 (7.00); 14. Hilmar Heuer (Racine) 3-4 (5.00); 15. H. E. Gregory (Kenosha) 3-4 (4.00); 16. Otto Gruedel (Racine) 2-5 (6.00); 17. E. W. Jenson (Kenosha) 2-5 (6.00); 18. Frank Buttenhoff (Racine) 2-5 (4.00); 19. John Stumpertig (Racine) 2-5 (3.00); 20. John Baird (Racine) 2-5 (3.00); 21. John Olsen (Racine) 2-5 (3.00); 22. Rael Gofine (Racine) 2-5 (2.00); 23. Harvey Pease (Hales Corners) 1-66 (3.00); 24. Dick Hultman (Racine) 1-6 (2.00); 25. Willis Roth (Racine) 0-7 (0.00).	

What's The Best Move?



Position No. 107
White to play
Send solutions to Position No. 107 to the Editor, CHESS LIFE, by January 20, 1953.

Solution to Position No. 104

This rather celebrated victory of Rubinstein over Salwe at Lodz 1907 was evidently unfamiliar to our solvers. The actual game continued: 1. P-Q7; 2. R-Q1 (not 2. QxQP, R-KR3; 3. K-Kt1, Q-K6 ch; 4. K-B1, QxP, etc.); Q-K6; 3. Q-K7; R-Q1; 4. R(2)xP, Q-K8 ch; 5. R-Q1, P-B7; 6. Q-B3, P-R(2) ch and White resigned.

Only two solvers saw the 1. . . . P-Q7 move as effective, but many thought they had a win by the direct 1. . . . Q-K6. There is a win, but it was overlooked in all solutions except three. The sequence that wins is 1. . . . Q-K6; 2. Q-K7, R(1)-K1; 3. R-B7! (a defense most solvers overlooked). Q-K7ch; 4. R-Q1, P-R ch; 5. K-Kt1, R-B8 ch; 6. KtR, P-Kt1(Q) ch and wins.

The suggested 1. . . . R-KR3 fails because 2. K-Kt1 is not forced (as solvers state). White plays instead 2. Q-K7, R-Kt1 (on Q-K6 ch; 3. R-Q1, P-B7 ch; 4. QxP and Black has no attack); 3. QxP and White has weathered the worst of it.

We accept as correct the two solutions of 1. . . . P-Q7 and the three solutions of 1. . . . Q-K6, which show the 2. Q-K7, R-K1; 3. R-B7 continuation. On other solutions of 1. Q-K6 we award ½ point, since the actual winning variation stemming from the first move was not demonstrated.

Correct solutions are acknowledged received from: J. Faucher (New Haven), Dr. J. H. (Portland), E. Nash (Washington), I. Schwartz (Durand), H. C. Underwood (Washington). Solutions of 1. . . . Q-K6 (without White's best defense) awarded ½ point are acknowledged received from: F. Athey, Jr. (Corn Gables), J. E. Comstock (Duluth), E. K. Dille (Norfolk), D. Hamburger (Pittsburgh), C. Joachim (Seattle), E. J. Korpany (Woodside), H. Kurrek (Des Moines), D. C. McDaniel (Los Angeles), F. J. Volo (Guilderland Center), W. B. Wilson (Amherstburg).

Greater Miami (Fla.) Chess Club saw the club title fall to Major N. B. Church with 5-1 score in a 19 player Swiss. Church lost one game to Dave Shubov. Second was Martin Donon with 5-1, losing to Peter Magri. Third and fourth with 4½-1½ on S-B points were Constantine Rasis and Ernest Scheuplein.

Ottawa (Ill.) Chess Club has been organized with William B. Arrowood as president, 1239 Ottawa Ave. The club meets in the Ottawa Recreation Hall and is anxious to contact other Illinois clubs for matches. Plans are being laid for a city championship in March.

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